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### Spectacular save

Favourites Kuwait and Iraq draw 1-1 before a near capacity crowd at Peace and Friendship Stadium, Kuwait, in the 10th Gulf Cup Soccer championship. Both scores were in the second half, with Kuwait tipping the ball into its own net for the Iraqi point. Sameer Saeed, the Kuwaiti goalkeeper, made some spectacular saves (above) to thwart Iraqis. (Photo by Ahmed Burini)

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### Massive demo in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, Feb 28. (UPI): Muslim militants in the northern Kashmir valley today pressed ahead with their campaign for secession from India, organising in Srinagar a rally of 200,000 residents and enforcing a strike that disrupted normal life.

The rally was the latest in a series of massive anti-India demonstrations staged over the past six days, designed to focus international attention on the valley, embarrass the Indian government and disrupt normal life.

About 200,000 men and women participated in a 2-mile-long (3-km) procession of buses that wound its way through downtown to the UN military observers' group headquarters in the state capital of Srinagar, 400 miles (640 km) north of New Delhi, to demand secession of the Muslim-dominated valley from India.

The massive demonstration was organised by Srinagar's minibus owners association at the bidding of Muslim militants. A delegation from the group presented a memorandum to a UN official as buses rolled past the office.

The green and saffron flag of the proposed independent Kashmir flew atop buses, while demonstrators chanted: "We want independence" and "Indian dogs go home."

Separate pro-secession rallies at the UN observers group also were staged by employees of the city's main bus terminal and workers from the municipal committee office.

### Weather

TEMPERATURE: will be around normal with light variable change to fall to moderate southerly wind. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 2.00 am, 3.00 pm. Low water: 9.00 am, 9.00 pm. Sunrise: 6.15 am. Sunset: 5.45 pm. Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 22°C/72°F. Ahmed: 20°C/68°F. Faikah: 21°C/70°F. Minimum temperatures recorded: Abu: 6°C/43°F. Abu: 4°C/39°F. Faikah: 10°C/50°F. Maximum temperatures expected: Kuwait: 23°C/73°F. Ahmed: 21°C/70°F. Faikah: 22°C/72°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 65 per cent. Ahmed: 65 per cent. Faikah: 71 per cent.

### Cory defends Enrile arrest

#### No political motive

MANILA, Feb. 28. (Agencies): Philippine President Corazon Aquino today defended the arrest of opposition chief Juan Ponce Enrile, saying prosecutors had enough evidence to charge him with trying to overthrow her government.

Aquino, in her first official comment on the arrest, denied it was politically motivated and said Enrile would have full opportunity to defend himself in court.

Enrile, who helped bring Aquino to power four years ago but quickly became one of her most outspoken critics, was jailed in a suburban Manila police camp today to await trial on murder and rebellion charges.

"No political motive is involved in the arrest," Aquino said in a statement to reporters.

"It is simply a legal process for him and his co-accused to answer the serious charges on which investigators found probable cause sufficient to warrant the filing of the case in court."

Aquino said Enrile, defence minister under ousted President Ferdinand Marcos until he revolted against his long-time mentor in 1986, would be treated fairly.

"This fairness comes from our democratic system and the constitu-

Judge Jaime Salazar set a preliminary hearing for March 5.

The military in Manila is on combat alert to prevent a violent reaction by army rebels sympathetic to Enrile.

The Supreme Court will meet tomorrow to discuss a petition by Enrile's lawyers challenging the legality of his detention and demanding his release.

It said the charge against Enrile of rebellion linked to murder did not exist and that he had been denied due legal process because the judge who ordered his arrest had not held a preliminary hearing.

Charged with Enrile were his former security aide, Gregorio Honasan, a fugitive cashiered colonel who led the army mutineers who took part in last December's coup attempt.

Others charged included Rodolfo Aguinaldo, governor of Cagayan province, two retired military officers and a businessman and his wife.

In a petition filed today, Enrile's lawyer partner, Renato Cayetano, claimed the arrest was illegal and violated the senator's rights. He asked the court to free him.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel contended Enrile's arrest was an attempt to silence the opposition. Laurel broke with Aquino in 1987 and later joined Enrile in forming the opposition Nationalist Party.

"I think Mrs Aquino is exacerbating the fragmentation and disunity of the nation," Laurel told reporters today. "She is committing a very serious mistake."

In a radio interview today, presidential press secretary Tomas Gomez said the charges were justified because Enrile led "the numerous attempts at a coup d'etat to destroy this government of ours."

"When there are no arrests, people say the government is weak," Gomez said. "Now that the criminals have been arrested, then we are called vindictive."

Enrile, lone opposition member in the senate, was arrested yesterday for his alleged role in last December's bloody army coup attempt.

He wept today when hundreds of people shouting "God bless you" mobbed and cheered him on his way to jail.

"Let history judge me ... I am confident that history will absolve me," he told reporters. "I know that truth is on my side."

The wealthy 66-year-old businessman and lawyer said the charges against him were a fabrication intended to stifle political dissent.

# Congress (I) routed in Indian state polls

BJP expected to form govt in four states; violence toll 100

NEW DELHI, Feb 28. (Agencies): Former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party seemed to be heading for a crushing defeat in state elections in which nearly 100 people were killed during attempts to rig voting.

Votes were cast yesterday in eight of the country's 25 states but massive violence erupted in volatile Bihar where local journalists said at least 90 people were killed.

Police confirmed only 38 deaths in Bihar state.

Early voting trends showed Rajiv's party, which controlled all eight states, was being routed.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu revivalist party, is expected to form governments in at least four Indian states. BJP is likely to come to power in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh and is expected to form a government with Janata Dal in Gujarat. The states were earlier Congress (I) strongholds.

The army has been called out in Meham, Haryana, 100 kms of Delhi. The army was brought out to control the volatile situation and restore confidence.

Om Prakash Chautala, Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal's son, is contesting a by-election from Meham. The seat fell vacant when Devi Lal moved to Delhi. After allegations of rigging, repolling was ordered in eight polling stations, during which violence once again broke out, killing nine and injuring 15. Mobs attacked journalists and chased Chautala's son, Abhay Singh, who later took refuge in a Sikh temple.

The Election Commission has sent two senior officers to investigate the case. They will decide whether counting can take place in the repolling booths or call for a fresh polling. Meham, has been a scene of some of the worst violence in state elections.

Among those who have been tipped to become chief minister are BJP's Sunderlal Patwa or Kailash Joshi in Madhya Pradesh. Janata Dal is expected to support their candidature. In Orissa, Biju Patnaik is expected to be named chief minister. In Gujarat, Chimanbhai Patel may become chief minister.

In Bihar, repolling was ordered in 107 booths in 150 constituencies and polls are expected to be held Thursday. Reports of alleged rigging, and repolling were also ordered in Surat, Gujarat.

Congress candidates were trailing far behind those of the Janata Dal Party of Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh and the Hindu-revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh.

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Ageless

An unnamed veteran of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle shows his support for freed African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela during a township rent boycott. (Reuter wirephoto)

hidden in a tunnel in a mountain. Syria has given shelter and support to Jibril since 1983, when he refused to move to Tunis with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Jibril's relations with Syria have gradually deteriorated because of his ties to terrorist operations that have brought intense international pressure on Damascus. Jibril's organisation has been accused of being behind the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie.

### Jibril faction has obtained long-range missiles from Iran

BEIRUT, Feb 28. (UPI): A Palestinian group headed by Ahmed Jibril has obtained four long-range Iranian missiles capable of reaching the heart of Israel from the organisation's bases in the Bekaa Valley, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The sources said the surface-to-surface Iranian-made missiles with a range of 94 miles (150 km) were delivered to the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command in Lebanon during November.

A militia source said the missiles were not destroyed in the raid because the devices were

Another nine people were killed in Meham, near New Delhi, when police fired on crowds attacking polling booths today, the United News of India (UNI) said.

Meham is in Haryana state and its Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala, son of deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, was seeking election. Vote-rigging was also widespread there that fresh voting was ordered in many areas.

In Bihar, most of the victims were killed in clashes between supporters of rival candidates who wanted to capture polling booths to stuff ballot boxes with fake votes.

### Results

**Gujarat:** Seats contested: 182; Results declared: 31; Janata Dal: 21; BJP: 10; Congress I: 6; Janata Dal winning 77 other constituencies, BJP in 55, and Congress (I) 35; BJP and JD had a seat adjustment in Gujarat.

**Rajasthan:** Total seats: 200; Elections held in 199; Results declared: 76; BJP 44; JD 17; Congress (I) 15. Prominent winners in Rajasthan include Chief Minister, Haridev Joshi of Congress.

**Bihar:** Total seats: 324; Elections: 323. Results have not yet been announced but JD and BJP leading in 16 constituencies each with Congress I in 15 constituencies. Counting will begin Thursday in 126 constituencies.

**Madhya Pradesh:** Total seats: 320; Elections: 319; Declared: 55; Results: BJP: 43; Cong. (I): 8; JD: 2; Independent: 1. Prominent winners include Shivbhanu Solanki.

**Orissa:** 147 seats; Results: JD: 33; Cong. (I): 3; Independents: 2; CPI: 2.

**Himachal Pradesh:** Total: 68; Elections: 65; Results declared: 24; BJP: 18; Congress: 4; JD: 1; CPI: 1.

For the first time in 23 years, a CPI candidate won a seat. Prominent winners include former chief minister and BJP state president Shanta Kumar; and assembly speaker Vidy Stokes.

Counting began only 29 constituencies yesterday and will start in 36 others on Thursday.

**Pondicherry:** 30 seats, close race between Cong (I) and Aiyadurai alliance and DMK-JD combine. Of the 23 results declared, Cong I and Aiyadurai have won 12; the others won 11.

**Maharashtra:** Counting begins Thursday.

**Arunachal Pradesh:** Total: 60 seats. Earlier, Congress I won three seats unopposed; counting was done only for one, which went to Congress. Counting for other constituencies begins Thursday.

Prominent winners include former chief minister Biju Patnaik of JD and two other former CM Nandini Satpathy of Congress and present CM Hemant Biswal.

### Fireworks mark end of festival

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kunay): Amidst crowds of people watching colourful fireworks and listening to music played by various bands, Kuwait this evening ended festivities marking the 29th National Day.

Minister of Information and head of the permanent committee for national festival Sheik Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad attended the lowering of the flag ceremony at the Green Island in the seafront. The National Day Festivities ran for 12 days.

Addressing the crowd, Sheik Jaber Mubarak appealed to the Kuwaiti people and residents in Kuwait to preserve the peace and security Kuwait enjoyed in the past centuries, reminding them of the need to evaluate their feelings toward this country before taking any actions that might harm the Kuwaiti society.

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Investigators have detained nine boys for investigation and medical examination, the source said.

But at the Ministry of Health, undersecretary Farhat Sheba said blood samples were taken from the American and seven boys he was alleged to have exposed only Tuesday. Sheba said examination of the specimens had not been completed.

The police source, speaking on condition of

### Egypt deports American on suspicion of spreading Aids

CAIRO, Feb 28. (AP): Authorities ordered an American deported as a suspected Aids patient after he told investigators he had sexual relations with around 150 young boys, police sources said today.

The area at security headquarters where the man had been held for at least two days was "sterilized" after he was driven in an ambulance to Cairo international airport, the sources said.

Neither police sources nor officials at either the Health Ministry or the US embassy would identify the man, but newspaper accounts gave his name as

William Charles Harcourt.

Interior Minister Abdel-Halim Moussa ordered the man's deportation after receiving evidence from the Health Ministry that the man had been exposed to the human immunodeficiency virus, a precursor to Aids, a police source said.

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# Arrest boosts Cory's tough image

Fancy legal footwork against Enrile raises doubt about motive

MANILA, Feb 28, (AP): Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's arrest projected an image of toughness for a government long criticised as weak. But fancy legal footwork raises doubt about the motives.

"Blame it on the timing, but people are bound to doubt if the rebellion charges with murder filed yesterday against ... Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile ... indeed show the 'effective operation of our criminal justice system' or is simply political vengeance at its worst," said the independent daily *Malaya*.

Enrile, a former defence minister and one of President Corazon Aquino's sharpest

critics, was arrested yesterday after he and six others were indicted for allegedly supporting the Dec 1-7 failed coup.

The 66-year-old senator was the most prominent figure ever arrested in any of six armed attempts to oust Aquino since she took power in the February 1986 "people power" uprising against the late Ferdinand Marcos.

After previous coup attempts, the government was criticised for weakness because of lenient treatment of mutineers. Although dozens of officers have been convicted in coup attempts, most enlisted participants are simply reassigned to different

units. In a radio interview today, presidential Press Secretary Tomas Gomez acknowledged that the government felt under pressure to take decisive action in order to restore confidence among foreign investors.

"Our friends abroad are beginning to stay away," Gomez said. "They are scared because they (mutineers) have created a perception of instability, that this government has very weak knees."

In moving against Enrile, the government stretched existing statutes to charge him with as serious an offence as possible. Enrile was charged with

"rebellion with murder," a non-bailable offence which carries a life sentence.

According to documents released so far, the government's case is based on statements by witnesses who claimed they saw Enrile with mutineers on the first two days of the coup attempt. Prosecutors claim that proves Enrile supported the mutiny.

But in 1956, the supreme court ruled that offences such as murder committed in connection with an uprising should be bailable offence punishable by six to 12 years imprisonment.

Gomez said, however, that

government would ask the Supreme Court to reconsider the previous decision and approve rebellion with murder charges in the Enrile case.

The government's very handling of the filing of charges showed the political sensitivity of the case, Justice Department officials leaked word of the charges on Monday and then announced they would be filed in a regional court in suburban Makati.

Enrile's lawyers and reporters rushed there early yesterday, but government prosecutors said they were awaiting documents before filing the complaint.

The measure, which designates April 24 as "national day of remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-1923," is opposed by Turkey, whose officials strenuously object to the use of the word "genocide."

Opponents in the Senate argued that the resolution could seriously jeopardise US relations with Turkey. (AP)

**Sweden fires on intruder:** The Swedish Navy fired underwater grenades at a suspected alien submarine yesterday, which may have breached a sensitive coastal zone south of Stockholm, a week ago, the defence command said.

The grenades were launched after sub hunters picked up sonar signals, apparently from an intruding submarine about 21 miles (35 kms) from Stockholm. No traces of a damaged sub were found later, however, said a communiqué.

A defence spokesman said coastal units first detected indications last Thursday that Swedish waters may have been violated. (AP)

**Northrop pleads guilty:** A major contractor for the US military, Northrop Corp., has agreed to plead guilty to 34 counts of making false statements and to pay a stiff \$17 million fine after more than a year of fighting charges that it failed to test certain missile and jet equipment.

The guilty plea on Tuesday in Federal Court in Los Angeles was the first admission of corporate wrongdoing by Northrop over testing of some of the United States' most sophisticated and expensive weapons systems.

The fine was one of the stiffest ever imposed on a military contractor. (Reuters)

**Nepali students rally:** Two hundred students demonstrated yesterday in this satellite town of the Nepalese capital demanding greater democracy and massive participation in a nation-wide strike planned by the opposition for Friday.

Also, the union representing about 100,000 schoolteachers, saying it was angered by the government's violent response to the pro-democracy movement, said it would join the strike if the opposition demands are not resolved soon.

The opposition movement, headed by the banned Nepali Congress Party, had called for a nation-wide series of strikes and demonstrations to begin Feb 18 to force an end to Nepal's 29-year-old panchayat government system of elective village councils. (UPI)

**Croatia orders inquiry:** The Yugoslav Republic of Croatia ordered an investigation on Tuesday into a surging Croatian National Party which has revived fears of genocide among local Serbs and angered a neighbouring republic.

The Croatian Democratic Union (CDU), founded last year after 45 years of unchallenged Communist rule, launched its campaign for free elections due in the republic by fighting at the weekend it would demand Croatia's secession from Yugoslavia.

The CDU's weekend congress raised fears of a revival of the independent state of Croatia set up by the occupying German and Italian forces in World War Two under Ante Pavelic, leader of Croatia's Ustase, a nationalist movement.

Imelda Khashoggi and Arambulo are the only defendants in the case who have surrendered to US authorities. Ferdinand Marcos died last September.

The trial is scheduled to start March 20.

Arambulo, also a member of the bank's board of trustees, was accused of helping the Marcoses hide their alleged plunder. He failed to surrender to US authorities at the time of the indictment.

Arambulo was ordered to appear at a hearing in US district court.

Commissioner David Castro of the Philippines presidential commission on good government said there was a witness list of about 50 people to testify against Marcos and the others.

A banker charged in the racketeering indictment with Imelda Marcos has been arrested after being a fugitive for more than a year, federal prosecutors said yesterday.

The defendant, Rodolfo T. Arambulo of Los Angeles, surrendered to FBI agents on Monday afternoon at Kennedy international airport, said Deborah Corley, a spokeswoman for the US attorney's office.

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**Congress routed in Indian polls:** (Continued from Page 1)

Voting trends from the other states were still awaited.

Most analysts believed the defeat of the Congress Party only months after losing power in national elections in November could create major problems for Rajiv.

These could include a challenge of his leadership they said.

Party General Secretary Vilas Gadgil said however that the party was unlikely to split and that criticism of Rajiv's for the sake of criticism.

Congress Party stalwart Dinesh Singh said the results of the voting had been predictable.

"The mood of the people was for a change. We have to take this defeat as a lesson ... (but) it has not come as a surprise," he said.

Dinesh Singh said the mood for change apparent during the November elections had carried through to the state polls.

The Janata Dal, and the BJP which supports Singh's minority administration in New Delhi, would be able

to form governments in the six states for which trends were available, analysts said.

In Bihar, fresh balloting had been ordered at more than 650 polling booths because of violence and rigging.

"Bihar has come to be known for this rather unfortunate phenomenon. Even so, we didn't expect it to break out on this scale," said senior Janata Dal official Jaipal Reddy.

"Crime-ridden Bihar, which has the highest murder rate in the country, was one state Congress, in opposition at national level for only the second time in 42 years, had hoped to hold in its first electoral test since the November defeat.

The early voting trends were mixed news too for V.P. Singh, who depends reluctantly on the BJP to prop up his government.

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# New Hampshire is UFO haven, say saucer watchers

**PORISMOUTH**, New Hampshire, Feb 28, (UPI): New Hampshire, the state whose early bird primary attracts presidential candidates like honey draws flies, also seems a popular destination for extraterrestrials.

UFO investigators have been checking out reports of flying saucers, whirling things and glowing plates in the granite state's skies since at least 1952.

"In the last year, reports of UFO sightings here have been mounting at a pace similar to the massive wave of reports in the 1960s," says Peter Geremia, state director of the mutual UFO network, or MUFON. Geremia says the state's noted UFO cases and continuing activity rank it No. 1 in the nation among some investigators for extraterrestrial close

encounters.

"I made it that way," jokes Betty Hill, 70, a retired Portsmouth child welfare worker whose tale of a Sept. 19, 1961 experience with aliens on a lonely road in the White Mountains made headlines around the world.

At the time, Hill and her late husband, Barney, said they were abducted by humanoids from a "huge spaceship with two red lights" one terrifying night as they drove home from a visit to Montreal.

The Hills said they were questioned about life on Earth and were medically tested during a two-hour interrogation by an alien leader who communicated either verbally or telepathically.

The Hills said they were returned to the car by the aliens and told they would not remember their

experience. They said it was only after undergoing hypnotic therapy by a Boston psychiatrist that they recalled the incident. Their interrupted journey was unveiled in October 1965 by the Boston Traveller newspaper.

A month earlier, New Hampshire's seacoast region nearly was panicked after three people, two of them Exeter police officers, reported seeing a 90-foot diameter glowing red disk over a farm. "The incident at Exeter" on Sept. 3, 1965, later detailed by Connecticut author John Fuller, touched off a massive wave of sightings across the nation.

Dozens of New Hampshire cases swell the sighting notebooks that Hill and others have compiled over the last 25 years. They range from a mysterious object that allegedly fell into a frozen farm pond in

Wakefield in 1977 and was retrieved by a military unit, to the Oct. 4, 1984 sighting of a metallic craft a policeman saw soaring over Keene.

"UFOs are old hat here. We've had them there since 1932 when what folks called 'thingamajigs,' 'balls on fire' and 'metal pie plates' were spotted in Exeter and Hillsboro," Hill said. "It's getting so that the only people who report UFOs are new-comers."

Geremia, who leads MUFON's 25 members in New Hampshire, said sightings seem to follow cycles. "We have had more activity in the last year than I've seen in 10 years," he said.

MUFON, a respected, international non-profit group, investigates UFO reports and says the object appeared to be of extraterrestrial origin.

State MUFON members recently checked out an Effingham man's bizarre report of two mysterious white lights that appeared over his home and knocked out his television reception. The lights took off and were followed by myriad red globes, Geremia said.

"We're definitely checking into this. We have heard that there was more than one sighting of this thing, which rules out a meteor. It's under investigation," Geremia said.

Robert Hastings of Albuquerque frequently lectures on New Hampshire college campuses about his UFO research. His presentation relied solely on military, Central Intelligence Agency and FBI material and memos retrieved under the US Freedom of Information Act.

At a recent stop at New England college in Henniker, where his lecture and slide show packed a 300-seat auditorium with sceptics, true believers and just plain curious, Hastings displayed dozens of documents.

## Shelter priest resigns

**NEW YORK**, Feb 28, (UPI): The priest who founded Covenant House, the nation's largest organization for runaway youths, resigned yesterday after months of disputing allegations of sexual misconduct.

"The controversy that has surrounded me for the past three months has made it impossible for me to lead Covenant House effectively," the Rev Bruce Ritter said in a statement.

Frank Macchiarola, the former city schools chancellor who served as acting president while the allegations were investigated, also resigned.

Macchiarola, who was named acting president Feb. 7, said in a statement he was resigning because the shelter's board of directors had voted against his proposals for the future of Covenant House.

A spokeswoman for Macchiarola, Maureen Connelly, said he was not available for interviews but said Macchiarola had wanted to conduct reviews, investigations and audits of current practices and make changes.

James J. Harnett, executive vice-president and chief operating officer, will take over the shelter until a permanent successor to Ritter is found, the organization said in a statement.

The charges against Ritter first arose in December, when the New York Post quoted a one-time male prostitute as saying he had had an affair with Ritter over several months last year. The young man's father defended Ritter, calling his son an emotionally troubled liar. Covenant House later conceded that it had provided the young man, Kevin Kite, with a new identity, using a birth certificate of a 10-year-old boy who died in 1980.



Appeal to return passport



Dr Elizabeth Morgan leaves the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Herbert Dixon with her husband Judge Paul R. Michel on Feb 27 after appealing for the return of her

## Eat less fat advice

### Lowers blood cholesterol

**WASHINGTON**, Feb 28, (UPI): A federal panel said yesterday Americans should eat, on average, three percent less saturated fat than they do now and consume less than 300 milligrams of cholesterol a day to lower their risk of heart disease.

The expert panel on population strategies for blood cholesterol reduction, a component of the national cholesterol education programme, said these recommendations could realistically be accomplished over the next five to 10 years and would reduce the incidence of heart disease by 20 percent.

In a new report, the panel also appealed to restaurants, grocery stores and the food industry to voluntarily reduce the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol content of the foods they sell.

"High blood cholesterol levels clearly play a causal role in coronary heart disease," the expert panel said.

The government's cholesterol education programme is run by the National Institutes of Health.

Though the report is not the first to criticise Americans' excessively fatty diets, federal health officials said at a news conference they hoped it would encourage more individuals to improve their eating habits in the light of new scientific findings on the links between diet and health.

The report also should give momentum to a plan to require that the labels on packaged food tell more about a food's fat and cholesterol content, the officials said.

Heart disease, the nation's number-one killer, is behind the deaths of more than 500,000 Americans each year. About 1.25 million people suffer heart attacks annually and millions more suffer from angina, chest pain triggered when the heart's blood supply is restricted.

Cholesterol contributes to heart disease because the fatty substance is deposited in the blood vessels that supply the heart muscle. Eventually the blood flow is restricted to the point that a heart attack occurs or the heart muscle is slowly killed off bit by bit.



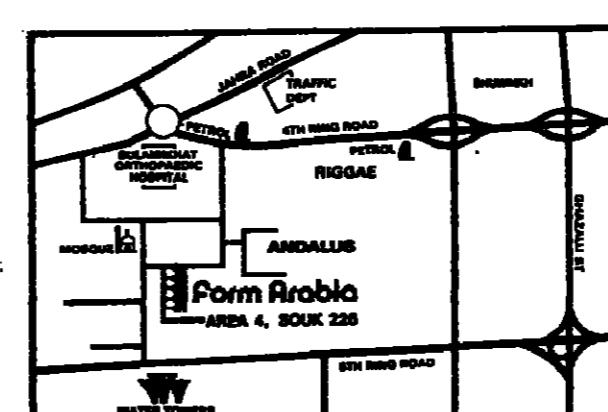
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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**INDIANAPOLIS**, Indiana: Even stars have to wait for their luggage in airports. Just ask Harry Belafonte.

Belafonte arrived Sunday at Indianapolis International airport for a lecture as part of black history month. The globe-trotting singer-activist spent more than 30 minutes waiting for his luggage.

"It's like that all over the world," he said with a laugh. "There are a lot of people standing around, so I guess I'm safe — so far."

The 62-year-old performer nearly went unnoticed by people passing through the airport, but Jayne Hale of Indiana recognised him and had him sign an autograph on an airline menu.

"He was going strong when I was young," said Hale, 48. "I wasn't sure that was him until I heard him speak."

But then, she was an eye for celebrity. On a flight earlier Sunday, she had singer Tom Jones sign the same menu. (AP)

**GREENWICH**, Connecticut: Most people only dream of meeting their heroes. Thirteen-year-old Ted Pappalardo will get to perform with his hero, Plácido Pavarotti, at New York's Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center.

The 13-year-old soprano from Greenwich will sing "Song of the Shepherd" from Puccini's "Tosca" on Wednesday to open the third scene.

The performance stars Pavarotti. Hoffman got a chance to meet his idol last Tuesday, when he waited backstage with 50 other fans after a Pavarotti performance at the Metropolitan Opera.

After the two were introduced, Pavarotti sang the "Song of the Shepherd" for the boy.

Hoffman also will appear in the New York City Opera's revival of "The Sound of Music" next month at the New York state theatre.

The boy is a member of the Men and Boys Chorus at Christ Episcopal Church in Greenwich, where he plans to resume singing after finishing his professional duties. (AP)



Nichols shown with his wife Diane Sawyer. (Reuter wirephoto)



Actors Steve Martin and Harrison Ford attend the ceremony to honour director Nichols. (Reuter wirephoto)

However, anyone who pulls up to the new "gas station" will find that the pumps don't work.

The new pay telephone outside Stan and Bobby's sporting goods, liquor and video rental stores does not work, either. Shirley Giovacchini, whose home serves as the store, said only one disgruntled visitor has tried to use it so far.

But the four new buildings on main street built by the film crews are not fake. Genoa now has a cafe, general store, radiator shop and sheriff's station. (AP)

**GENOA**, Nevada: Nevada's oldest town finally has a gasoline service station, though for long, it's more than 30 outsiders have taken up residence, including actor James Caan, but they are temporary too. Genoa, renamed Silver Creek, Colorado, for the time being, will be the setting for director Rob Reiner's latest movie, "Misery," based on horror writer Stephen King's novel about a writer imprisoned by an insane woman.

Since Hollywood's arrival last week, this town of about 400 residents nesting at the foot of the Sierra Nevada has been transformed.

A new sign at Genoa's main intersection reads "welcome to Silver Creek. Established 1851," a year after the real town was founded.

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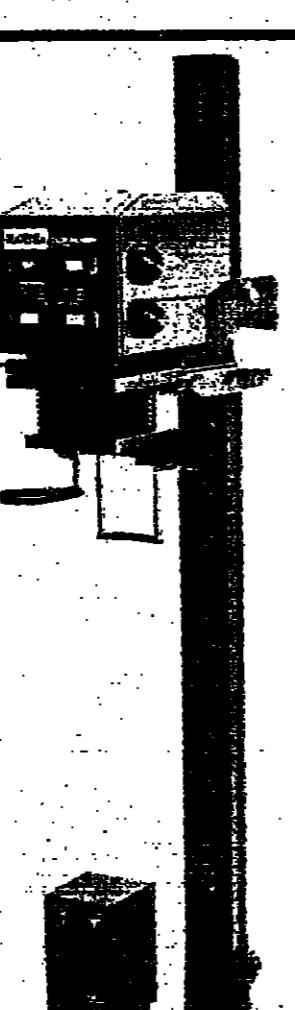
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Judge rejects argument:** A US judge yesterday refused to overturn the conviction against Robert Morris for unleashing a "worm" programme in computers in 1988 that paralysed thousands of computers nation-wide.

US district Judge Howard Munson set sentencing for Morris, a former Cornell University student, for May 4.

Munson rejected defence attorney Thomas Guidoboni's argument that Morris did not break into computers illegally, but rather merely exceeded authority already given to him for computer access. (AP)

**Crazy Eddie fails to show up:** The founder of Crazy Eddie Inc. faces criminal contempt charges after he failed to appear Tuesday before a federal judge and was ordered to return \$52 million to the United States.

Judge Nicholas H. Polk ordered US marshals to bring Eddie Antar before him and said a civil trial against Antar and two family members would proceed without the recalcitrant founder.

Antar allegedly transferred the \$52 million in 1987 to bank accounts in Israel.

Politan set a May 1 trial date for Antar, his brother, Mitchell, and his cousin, Sam E. Antar, all charged with securities violations. (AP)

**Barry pleads not guilty:** The mayor of Washington, Marion Barry, pleaded not guilty on Wednesday in Washington federal court to eight drug-related criminal charges.

US District Court Judge Thomas Jackson set June 4 for a trial date after Barry's lawyer, R. Kenneth Mumford, withdrew the plea for the mayor to five charged of cocaine use in 1988 and 1989 and three charged of lying to a federal grand jury that he never used drugs.

Barry, 53, interrupting a stay at a South Carolina alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic, appeared in court, looking suntanned and dressed in a conservative grey suit with a dark bow tie. (Reuters)

**DEA chief to retire:** Drug Enforcement Administration chief John C. Loun is ending a five-year battle against drugs.

His retirement as DEA administrator comes as the American public and politicians are more aware than ever about the dangers of drugs.

"There's no suggestion that he's giving up the war on drugs," said agency spokesman Frank Shultz. "He's very torn. ... It was an extremely difficult decision for him to make."

Shultz said Tuesday that one reason behind the former Marine Corps officer's decision to retire March 23 after 27 years of government service is that he will turn 55 in a few months. (AP)

**Juhwan Yun denied bail:** A federal judge denied bail Monday in Newark, New Jersey, to a Korean-American businessman who is appealing a conviction on a charge he conspired to ship deadly nerve gas to Iran.

US district judge H. Lee Sarokin ruled that Juhwan Yun, 49, represented a danger to the community and a risk to flee, and would have to remain in jail pending appeal, said assistant US attorney Mark Olsinsky.

Yun was sentenced in September to 30 months in jail. His appeal is scheduled to be considered March 16. (AP)

**Tutwiler, Stiner trade bars:** A State Department spokeswoman expressed irritation Tuesday over a charge by the US commander of the Panama invasion that a diplomatic leak about the operation had raised the casualty toll.

Spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler was responding to charges by army Lt Gen Carl Stiner, who said the Panamanian Defence Forces had advance information on the timing of the Dec 21 invasion.

In complaining the operation's secrecy had been compromised, Stiner told a group of reporters Monday that one possibility for the leak was that a call from an unidentified State Department official to a member of Panama Canal commission that the invasion was imminent. (UPI)

**Demjanjuk is not Ivan the Terrible:** A US congressman promised Tuesday to pursue a media report disputing the conviction of John Demjanjuk as a Nazi death camp executioner.

US representative James Tramonti Jr said a report by the US television programme "60 Minutes" has cast doubt on the information used to identify Demjanjuk as Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible."

The congressman, who represents Demjanjuk's district in Ohio, told a news conference he is "90 per cent sure" Demjanjuk is not the person who committed the wartime atrocities for which he's sitting on death row in Israel. (AP)

**Women, married men ordination urged:** A group of 92 independent Catholic organisations and some 4,500 individuals have joined in calling on the church to ordain women and married men to the priesthood, organisers said Tuesday in Washington.

(UPI)

**MIA remains identified:** The US defense department identified the remains Tuesday of four American servicemen — from Arizona, Illinois, north Carolina and Texas — who had been missing in action in Vietnam.

A fifth American also was identified, the Pentagon said, but the name was being withheld at the request of relatives.

The four were identified as:

— Navy Cmdr. Frank C. Elkins of Bradenton, North Carolina, who was 27 when lost in north Vietnam Oct 12, 1966.

— Army chief warrant officer William C. Dunlap of Tucson, Arizona, who was 25 when he disappeared in south Vietnam Dec 2, 1969.

— Army chief warrant officer Martin D. Vandem Eekel of Wheaton, Illinois, who was 26 when lost in south Vietnam Dec 2, 1969.

— Army Staff Sgt. William D. Sanderlin of Fort Worth, Texas, who was 26 when lost in south Viet-



Stranded

Norwegian coaster Anne Lise, its bridge ripped off in gales off the Dutch coast on Monday, lies on a beach in Texel, a Dutch island where it got stranded on Tuesday after narrowly missing a North Sea oil platform. (Reuters)

### Tradition

#### Housewife wins pancake race

**LIBERAL**, Kansas, Feb 28, (UPI): A 30-year-old housewife ran 415 yards (m) with a pancake in a skilful yesterday to win the 41st annual international pancake race pitting the women of Liberal against the women of Olney, England.

Carla Patterson ran the traditional shrove yesterday pancake race in 67.56 seconds to even the annual race against the English women at 20-20.

In a tradition dating to 1445, 21 women in Olney, a tiny English village 55 miles (88 km) northwest of London, dress in skirts, aprons and headscarves and run 415 yards from the marketplace to St Peter and Paul Church carrying pancakes in skillets.

And in a tradition dating to 1950, they compete against women running the same race in Kansas.

The 1980 race was declared a draw because a British Broadcasting Corp. film crew got in the way in the English race.

Patterson, a housewife with two children, narrowly beat the time of 68 seconds recorded in the Olney race by Alison Steel, 32, also a housewife with two children.

Liberal pancake day spokeswoman Rosalee Phillips said the overall best time for the course is 58.5 seconds, set by Liberal's Shelia Turner in 1975.

nam Dec 2, 1969. (UPI)

**New headphones to reduce noise:** If raucous Pop music from your neighbour's Walkman prevents you from enjoying your Brahms tape, you'll appreciate this invention.

Japan's Sony Corporation has designed new headphones for its portable Walkman stereos that reduce audio leakage.

"The idea is not to disturb others," a spokesman said.

Riders of trains and buses often complain of noise pollution especially when played at high volume. (Reuters)

**Asean institute of drug abuse opened:** Lee Boon Yang, Singapore's minister of state for national development, on Monday opened an Association of Southeast Asian Nations centre to study drug abuse.

Lee also opened a research and training project for use of body fluids to detect drug abuse. The four-week course at the New Asian Institute of Drug Abuse is being attended by 12 officials from the six Asean members — Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines and Brunei.

The institute and its programme are jointly financed by the European Economic Community and Asean countries. Officials said the programme include research on tracking new drugs, such as cocaine and crack, and training chemists. (AP)

**No intention of pussyfooting:** The environmental group Greenpeace said on Wednesday a planned visit of the Rainbow Warrior to Tahiti in May was not a gesture of reconciliation with France.

"Greenpeace has no intention of pussyfooting around the French and being nice. We will oppose the things we've always opposed," spokeswoman Jacqui Barrington told Reuters.

"Sure we want to work on a more civilised level but it's in no way saying 'France we forgive you for what you did,'" she said.

Two French agents were convicted of manslaughter when a man was killed in 1985 after the original Rainbow Warrior was sunk by bombs in Auckland harbour. (Reuters)

### Editor accepts duel challenge

'I won't defend, won't miss rendezvous'

**MU** — **EL** (VIDEO, Feb 28, (Reuters): A Uruguayan newspaper editor yesterday accepted a police officer's challenge to a government-approved duel with pistols but said he will not try to defend himself.

The daily *La Republica*'s owner-editor Federico Fassano told the seconds for provincial assistant police chief Saul Claveria he accepted the challenge despite his opposition to violence.

"I won't defend myself and I don't know how to use weapons. I won't miss the rendezvous," the balding, mustachioed editor said.

"With this acceptance I intend to hit the institutionalised, official violence that dwells in our state," said Fassano, who usually backs leftist positions.

The government provoked howls of criticism by allowing the tall, tough-looking Claveria to challenge Fassano — the first time a duel between a civilian and a policeman in active service has been sanctioned.

A 1920 law allows Uruguayans to fight duels with

# Divided by ideology, united by family

## Chamorros tear at each others' throat in print but friends at dinner

**MANAGUA**, Feb 28, (AP): Divided by ideology and united by strong family ties, the Chamorro family — now led by president-elect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro — symbolises the complexity of Nicaraguan political life.

Mrs Chamorro was a housewife from the conservative region of Rivas in the traditional mold of the Nicaraguan upper middle class woman.

She went from housewife to newspaper publisher when her husband, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro was killed, allegedly by agents of dictator Anastasio Somoza, on Jan 10, 1978.

The assassination turned Chamorro into a martyr and his death was used by the Sandinista guerrillas to ignite the revolution that toppled Somoza 19 months later.

Mrs Chamorro became a symbol of the revolution, joining the junta that took

over.

Nine months later she quit, disillusioned by what she has said was the Sandinistas' failure to keep their promise of bringing democracy to Nicaragua.

Pedro Joaquin and Violeta's children are evenly split — Carlos Fernando and Claudia are militant Sandinistas and government officials; Pedro Joaquin and Cristiana are bitterly anti-Sandinista.

Between them, the Chamorros run two of the three daily newspapers in Managua — the opposition *La Prensa* and the Sandinista party paper *Barricada*, which split off from *La Prensa*.

The Chamorro children tear at each other's throats in print. But at family reunions, politics end at the dinner table.

"We are brothers and sisters with political differences. We meet occasionally and we treat each other with respect," said Cristiana, the youngest of the children at

30 and director of *La Prensa*, which her late father turned into a constant critic of the late dictator Somoza.

The family story became the centre of attention again this week when Mrs Chamorro, heading an opposition coalition of 14 political parties and other groups, defeated President Daniel Ortega in his bid for re-election.

"The same differences of political opinion we had in 1979 are the differences we have now, but we have affectionate family relations," said Carlos Fernando, who as director of *Barricada* published articles that often ridiculed his mother during her presidential campaign.

Yet the two embraced publicly as loving mother and son Monday when Ortega visited Mrs Chamorro to congratulate her on her electoral victory.

"I have been a Sandinista for a long time," Carlos Fernando said.

A friend of the family, speaking on condition of anonymity, said of the Chamorros: "They have one thing in common — a conservative patrician sense of unity of the family above everything else. After that, the differences begin."

They are all children of Pedro Joaquin, publisher, guerrilla, novelist and romantic whose constant attacks on Somoza eventually brought him death on a street corner in a hail of bullets.

Many people like to speculate whether Pedro Joaquin would be on the Sandinistas' side were he alive today.

Carlos Fernando and the younger Pedro Joaquin studied in Canada, but Carlos Fernando was the only one allowed to work as a reporter at *La Prensa* while their father was alive.

"Carlos Fernando inherited the socialist concerns and political traditions of his father," said the friend of the family.

# Nicaragua orders truce in Contra war

## Pressure on Bush increased to stop aiding rebels

**MANAGUA**, Feb 29, (Reuters): Nicaragua's Sandinista government declared an immediate ceasefire in the war against US-backed Contras today to back its call for disbandment of the rebels.

"The President of the republic has decided to order from today a unilateral halt to offensive military operations with the aim that the counter-revolutionary forces demobilise immediately," a statement from President Daniel Ortega's office, read on pro-government voice of Nicaragua Radio, said.

The government also called on the United States to stop supporting

the rebels, who have waged an eight-year war against the Sandinista government, and on the Honduran government to immediately disband rebel bases there.

The Sandinistas have demanded Contra demobilisation as a condition for a peaceful handover of power to the National Opposition Union (UNO) which won last Sunday's general elections.

The re-establishment of a unilateral ceasefire, lifted by Ortega on Nov 1, meets a demand by the Bush administration which said on Tuesday that a ceasefire was a first step to rebel disbandment.



Ortega salutes supporters during a rally in Managua. (Reuters)

### Call to accept cartel's offer

#### Candidates' plea

**BOGOTA**, Feb 28, (AP): The drug traffickers' offer to give themselves up in exchange for an end to extradition should be accepted, two Colombian presidential candidates said yesterday.

"It is an unconditional offer of surrender that the government can accept without dismantling its institutions and without making any concessions," said Ernesto Samper, one of six presidential candidates for the Liberal Party, in a communiqué sent to the Associated Press.

Rodrigo Lloreda of the Conservative Party said in an interview published yesterday in Bogota's *Semanal* magazine that as president, he would abandon extradition and accept the cartel's offer to surrender.

President Virgilio Barco, who cannot be re-elected after this term and Aug 7, has refused to negotiate with drug traffickers who responded to his cocaine crackdown with violence.

Presidential elections are to be held on May 27.

The *Extraditables*, as the Medellin drug bosses refer to themselves, said in a Monday communiqué that they would be willing to surrender themselves and their cocaine business if the government would agree to try

### Mudslide buries village in Peru

**IMA**, Feb 28, (Reuters): Twenty-one bodies were pulled from mud two metres (six feet) deep yesterday after an avalanche of mud and rock buried a Peruvian jungle village, and police said they believed 100 more people were still under the debris.

A wall of mud, rock and water rushed down a ravine before dawn and buried the village of San Miguel De Rio Mayo, while most residents slept, sweeping away 90 homes, police in the nearby town of Tarapoto said.

"The town has been swept away. About 100 people are missing and we believe they are buried somewhere in the mud," said Police Lieutenant Enrique Guerra.

The mud was still porous due to heavy rains, making it difficult for rescue workers to recover more bodies, he said.

"The place has simply disappeared, as if wiped from the face of the earth. There is nothing left," Manuel Perez, a doctor at a hospital in Tarapoto, said after returning from rescue operations.

"People ran for their lives, but most of them had no time to escape," Perez told Reuters. At least 34 people were seriously hurt, he said.

The dead included a family of six and several small children, radio reports from the area said.



Federico Fassano (left), editor of *La Republica* newspaper, and Saul Claveria, the police inspector (right) who have been officially permitted to fight the duel. (Reuters)



# Exxon indicted on five charges

WASHINGTON, Feb 28, (Reuters): A US grand jury has indicted Exxon Corp and the oil giant's shipping subsidiary on five criminal charges in connection with last year's Alaskan oil spill, the worst in US history.

Exxon faces fines of at least \$240 million if convicted on all the charges, announced in Washington yesterday by Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Exxon chairman Lawrence Rawl said he was disappointed by the indictment and added his company would defend itself in court.

The indictment was returned after the collapse of lengthy negotiations between the Justice Department and Exxon over a plea bargain.

The supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound on March 24, 1989, spilling 11 million gallons (42 million litres) of oil.

Exxon has spent more than \$2 billion cleaning up the spill that damaged 1,000 miles (1,600 km) of coastline and killed thousands of animals.

Thornburgh said the spill fouled the waters and shore of Alaska and caused the death of more than 36,000 migratory birds, including at least 160 rare bald eagles.

The Justice Department believes that the pristine environment in Alaska has been severely damaged due to the negligence and unlawful conduct by Exxon Corp and Exxon shipping, Thornburgh said.

By pressing criminal charges in this case, the federal government is sending a strong signal that environmental crimes will not be tolerated.

He added that prosecutors brought two felony charges and three less serious charges against Exxon, alleging it had violated the US dangerous cargo act and the ports and waterways safety act.

"We are disappointed that the federal government has taken this position. We will stand resolute in court against these charges," Rawl said.

The grounding was a tragic accident for which (we) have apologized to the American people. Nobody wilfully grounded a ship or caused the spill,"

He said Exxon "will resume cleanup operations as needed in 1990."

## Panel appointed to probe Ariane clash

PARIS, Feb 28, (AP): European space authorities named a seven-member panel yesterday to investigate last week's explosion of an Ariane 44-L rocket carrying two Japanese telecommunications satellites.

Preliminary results of the inquiry will be submitted to the European Space Agency (ESA) and ArianeSpace on March 20, the two organisations said in a joint press statement.

Jacques Duran, the French director of the Ariane 5 programme, will preside over the committee composed of West Germany, Belgian, Italian and French aerospace experts.

# Storm continues to lash Europe

## Death toll rises to 169

LONDON, Feb 28, (Agencies): Britain was bracing itself for weathermen forecast gales reaching 50 miles-per-hour or more.

The forecast spelled further trouble for areas already badly hit by families were evacuated after the high tide brought renewed flooding of Monday and Tuesday. Last night, more

A total of 17 people had been killed and many others were injured in the last two days.

The new wave of storms brought havoc on the roads and more

20,000 people were left without electricity in southern England.

This is the fifth major storm this year that continued to ravage

Europe, and the total death toll in the whole

continent is estimated to be at least 169 people.

The storms struck apart from Britain: Ireland, Northern France

gium, the Netherlands, West and East Germany.

The death toll from the gale-force storm continued to rise, with 17 reported in Britain, 17 in West Germany, 10 in France, five in Belgium, three in East Germany, two in Switzerland and one each in Ireland, Italy and the Netherlands.

The violent storm demolished dikes, flooded farms and harbour fronts and caused the highest floodwaters in Holland in 35 years.

In Denmark, where a father and son drowned when their boat capsized, west coast dikes weakened by continued battering from heavy gales and the north sea gave way, sending floodwaters gushing into lowlying farmland.

Twenty-five people were hospitalized for treatment of hypothermia in Wales, and some people who ventured out to retrieve belongings from their homes had to be rescued by helicopter as the tide rose along the north coast of Wales.

Teams from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took to boats to rescue at least 50 pigs and sheep, plus assorted cats and dogs.

The storm knocked a hole 2,000 feet (600 metres) long in the century-old sea wall.

"We knew about the gale force winds and high tides, and did what we could by way of sandbagging, but we could not have prepared for a breach of this magnitude," said Neville Gough, Colwyn Borough director of housing and technical services.

The Association of British Insurers estimated weather damage over the past five weeks, including the Jan 25 storm, at about £5 billion (\$4.2 billion). The earlier storm was blamed for 95 deaths in Europe.

French and British meteorologists predicted continued high winds gusting up to 75 mph (120 kph) and further high tides.

Hubert Lamb, a climate researcher at the University of East Anglia, said Britain's worst storms have come in the last years of each century. He said the present cycle could be comparable to the 1790s when one storm brought winds of up to 170 mph (270 kph).

Storms have not spared Switzerland, where three people are reported dead and many others injured.

Record gales were registered in Jungfraujoch at an altitude of 3,451 metres, with speeds reaching 230 km/hour.

Railway traffic was disturbed Tuesday in many parts of Switzerland due mainly to tree falls on the tracks.

The shuttle's course and launch window were determined by the need to place a photo-reconnaissance satellite into position to observe military bases and missile bases in northern regions of the Soviet Union.

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"We, the KPNLF, put our trust in the co-chairmen on the role of the UN ... whatever they want to do to enhance the role of the UN to bring peace to Cambodia," a spokesman told Reuters.

He was speaking on the last day of the informal talks which have centred on the UN effectively taking charge in Cambodia until elections can be held.

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# Kaifu aims at better US ties

### 'Comfortable' society

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In his first news conference after appointing his cabinet, Kaifu pinpointed US-Japan ties as the most crucial problem facing his administration.

"We must maintain continuous dialogue ... so that Japan-US relations can be strengthened," he said.

Kaifu leaves for the United States on Friday for talks with President George Bush that will include US demands in continuing trade negotiations.

"I will strive to achieve as many results as possible" on trade issues, he told reporters at the prime minister's residence.

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Foreign journalists have faced reduced access to officials and tighter controls since last June, when the army was called to crush massive popular protests for democracy.

Under martial law, foreign journalists were required to obtain military approval for all interviews. Police surveillance appears to be a substitute measure.

Former ministers Shintaro Abe and Michio Watanabe, two of the five faction leaders who control the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, tried to force Kaifu to appoint two men involved in the recent Recruit "stock-for-favours" scandal and the Lockheed payoff affair of the 1970s.

Kaifu presented his new cabinet to Emperor Akihito after a long wrangle in the conservative Liberal Democratic Party over his insistence on keeping scandal-tainted politicians out of the administration.

As during past upsurges of conservative ideology, long-standing official suspicion and resentment of all foreigners also has surfaced.

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# Gorbachev shows political mastery

Russians will be allowed to own land

MOSCOW, Feb 28. (Agencies): Mikhail Gorbachev, in a display of political mastery, cajoled and browbeat Parliament into backing his plan to become the Soviet Union's first executive President with sweeping powers of war and peace.

With a forceful show of leadership, he got Parliament to clear a way to create the new post in a major constitutional revision despite fears by radical deputies of a slide towards dictatorship.

Gorbachev, Kremlin chief since 1985, has been Soviet President since last May but with nothing like the authority now proposed for him to tackle crises ranging from economic turmoil to ethnic unrest and

separatism in the outlying republics.

The Supreme Soviet, the standing parliament, approved in principle yesterday by 306 votes to 65, draft legislation to set up an executive-style presidency with vast powers and to overhaul the country's political institutions.

The post emanated from a Communist Party Central Committee meeting this month which also agreed to end the party's decades-old monopoly on power.

Tuesday's vote ended a single day's bad-tempered debate. Radicals

complained that the plan concentrated too much power in Gorbachev's hands and was a recipe for dictatorship.

Deputies voted to turn the legislation over to the commissions and committees and to convene a session on March 12-13 of the Congress of People's Deputies—the top legislative body which must approve constitutional amendments.

Gorbachev steered the discussion entirely his way yesterday, and dismissed the arguments of his opponents, particularly members of the radical inter-regional group, which he described as a "formal opposition." "Those who three or four weeks ago were calling at the top of their voice for a president are now saying that introducing presidential power is a path to dictatorship, to holding by the throat and burying democracy and perestroika," he said.

"It has nothing to do with Gorbachev's power when we speak about presidential power... what does Gorbachev have to do with it? Life has brought us to this point, nothing else. We must have a decision."

The Soviet leadership acknowledged that there was a serious split on the matter in the party and in the Parliament but said this was "not a tragedy but a reality."

The bill empowers the executive President to declare martial law or a state of emergency in parts of the country, to appoint or remove the prime minister and other officials and declare war in case of attack.

Opponents of the bill said they favoured the idea of a stronger head of state but objected to what they called Gorbachev's high-handed tactics in curtailing debate and holding an excessive concentration of power in his hands.

Yuri Boldyrev, a deputy from Leningrad, suggested that Gorbachev not be entitled to a veto, citing instances when the Soviet leader had held back changes, like those eventually approved this month.

The Soviet legislature today approved a landmark bill that would allow citizens to acquire land and bequeath it to their children for the first time since peasants were stripped of their farms in the 1930s. But the law stops short of legalising full private ownership of property by strictly forbidding the sale of land. Under the new law, plots only can be leased and lease prices will be set by the state.

The measure is one of a package designed to give force of law to the economic and social reforms championed by Gorbachev. The official news agency Tass called it "a major legal document of Soviet economic reform."

State ownership of land, enshrined in the Soviet constitution, has been a cornerstone of Soviet communism since the 1917 revolution. But Soviet reformists and economists have called repeatedly for allowing private ownership as a way of spurring economic growth in the troubled country.

By altering the constitution and allowing peasants working on collective or state farms to acquire plots and turn it into their own hereditary property, the Kremlin leadership hopes to raise farm productivity.

The Supreme Soviet legislature first voted separately on each chapter of the 52-article measure, then approved the entire law 349-to-7 with 12 abstentions.

Wednesday's four-hour session was the third time the Supreme Soviet considered the proposed so-called law on land. During debate on the bill earlier this month, about 150 proposals and criticisms were made.

His favourite article is the suit. At an haute couture preview under his father's name last month he showed sexy pencil skirts with matching trapezoid-shaped or bell-shaped jackets in shades of salmon, apricot and rust.

It would have been difficult for Olivier to do anything but design. With a stylist for a father, a model

## Let me have a chip

A young Russian boy is hammering at the Berlin Wall in order to get some pieces before the dismantling of the wall in East Berlin. This section is one of the last



still standing between Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag and will be destroyed as the walls continue. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Resembling 'Red October' thriller

# Mutiny on Soviet warship

MOSCOW, Feb 28. (Reuter): A KGB general has publicly revealed for the first time that mutineers seized a modern Soviet warship and headed toward the West, to be halted only when the Kremlin sent warplanes on the attack.

Firing cannons and bombs, air force planes blocked the would-be defectors in a real-life drama strikingly similar to the plot of a best-selling US thriller and film "The Hunt for Red October."

Details of Russia's mutiny on the high-seas 15 years ago were published by Izvestia, the Soviet go-ahead daily yesterday.

A rebel navy captain who declared his warship "independent" was later shot by firing squad when the uprising was put down.

New York correspondent A.

Shalynev, who wrote the article, concluded it was sad that in the West events were written about "which occur in our country but about which we ourselves know nothing."

The plot of Tom Clancy's novel, filmed starring Sean Connery, centres on a superpower tit-for-tat war over the submarine Red October, whose captain decides to defect to the West.

Major-General A. Boriskin of the KGB security police wrote in a commentary in Izvestia that he fully agreed with the opinion of the daily's correspondent that people must know the truth and proceed to give the "facts."

He said that on November 8-9, 1975, the deputy commander of the big submarine-hunter Storozhev, captain third class Valery Sabinin, took over the ship

In addition to officers and 11 warrant officers who helped Sabinin in the plot, were investigated but charges were dropped, the general said.

# Prodigal son returns

Olivier makes up with papa Lapidus

PARIS, Feb 28. (Reuter): "My advice to any son would be—if you want to get on with your father, buy up his business," quips Olivier Lapidus.

The 31-year-old fashion designer learnt early that being the son of the celebrated—Ted Lapidus was not necessarily going to help him make his way in the cut-throat world of French fashion.

In fact his father did all he could to stop him.

He refused to pay for Olivier's studies and when he graduated from fashion school in 1983, keen to set up his own couture house, Ted took him to court, arguing that he had no right to use the name his father had built up as an internationally-recognised brand over the years.

Snubbed by the other fashion houses, Olivier was forced to work abroad—proving it could make it on his own by launching a successful ready-to-wear men's clothing line in Asia under the pseudonym "Olivier Montagut."

But the prodigal son came home, and with the backing of French businessman Frantz Braha, he turned the tables on his father last year, setting up his own establishment and buying out the Ted Lapidus business.

Now Olivier does the designing for both names and his new position of supremacy has had to rest a lifetime of rivalry between the two men.

"I've never had better relations with my dad," says Olivier.

"I recognise that my father is an exceptional man, a genius, and like all geniuses there's a destructive side to his character. Even if he attacked me and wanted to destroy me, he's my father and I love him."

Olivier works from an elegant studio on the avenue George V, the very spot where legendary designer Cristobal Balenciaga, one of his role-models, was based in the 1930s.

Bright rolls of material are stacked in confusion under the ivory drapes and chandeliers, while the office walls are tacked with sketches of the 75 outfits Olivier is preparing for March's ready-to-wear autumn and winter collection. his second attempt



Olivier Lapidus. (Reuter wirephoto)

to woo buyers after a disappointing October debut.

Slim, dark and graced with the classic good looks of his fashion model mother, Olivier swoops energetically from sketch to sketch, feeling the samples of material attached, gesturing to explain the effect he is trying to achieve.

"My clothes are all about cut, cut," he says, scooping the curve of an imaginary tunic with his palms. "The real elegance is what you don't see. I like my clothes to be pure and simple, and I just use colour to show up the line."

His favourite article is the suit. At an haute couture preview under his father's name last month he showed sexy pencil skirts with matching trapezoid-shaped or bell-shaped jackets in shades of salmon, apricot and rust.

It would have been difficult for Olivier to do anything but design. With a stylist for a father, a model

and beauty queen for a mother and another big fashion name, Torrente, as assistant, he was born into the trade.

When I was a child my room was where they stored the materials. I started cutting at the age of four and knitting at six-and-a-half. It was a game for me.

In his late 20s Olivier tried to throw off his mother's influence and concentrate on philosophy and literature. But when Ted refused to finance his studies he earned pocket money by making dresses.

"At that point I realised I'd be a bad politician, a second-rate teacher. Designing suited itself as an essential part of my intellectual life. The profession came to me. I didn't go to it."

Olivier is the youngest designer to win entry to the exclusive Chambre Syndicale which organises the four Paris collections each year.

"Some people have kept a... very decorative image of woman—someone who did nothing, read nothing, knew nothing. That's over now... the modern woman does sport, she runs a business."

"When I make a dress I think of a woman of my age and how she would make me want to talk to her. When I design the eventual wear I think what I would like her to do to make me fall in love with her."

Eventually he hopes to set up his own haute couture—a feat only affordable to the rich, few as these astronomically expensive clothes rarely turn a profit. He scoffs at the idea that mass-produced ready-to-wear can ever approach the artistry put into individually-crafted clothes.

"Haute couture is like the point of an iceberg, it's the limit, the summit of artistry. If haute couture disappeared it would be a tragedy for the world's culture—like treasure vanishing or Britain's toppling making Rolls Royces."

He predicts that after the cynicism of the 1980s, the 1990s will see a return to more moral values—an appreciation of the craftsmanship epitomised by his dad and a belief in the importance of relationships, once again.

One element of the breakdown. Rickman

said is that pervasive nastiness is threatening the city's extremely lucrative tourism business.

"When you look at exit surveys and people are asked, 'why don't you want to come back?'

One of the reasons is the rudeness and the mean-spiritedness," said Rickman, a lawyer who was former Mayor Edward I. Koch's special assistant.

In addition to the daredevil bicycle messengers who imperil pedestrians as they dart through traffic, the unfriendly cab drivers and cranky bus rider, bicyclists, other examples of typical big-town rudeness will be featured in television ads.

As they are shown, the song "Try a Little Tenderness" is played and a soothing voice admires, "come on New York, ease up. Let's keep this the world's greatest city."

The foundation will operate on a "bare bones" budget of about \$250,000 from donated office space, Rickman said.

Along with its civility campaign, the foundation plans to get 30,000 new trees planted around town this year and produce a weekly talk show beginning next month. Future projects include anti-litter and anti-graffiti campaign in every neighbourhood of the city, said Ralph Destino, chairman of Carter



## On guard

A massive banner of ANC leader Nelson Mandela stands down on two of his bodyguards during a large rally showing support for Mandela. The guards have accompanied the freed nationalist

during his exhausting programme of rallies and trips since his release two weeks ago. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Soviet no to united Germany in Nato

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# Gulf health ministers urge clamp on smoking ads

## Kuwait Health Week to begin soon

RIYADH, Feb 28. (Kuna): Health ministers of the seven Arab Gulf countries today recommended that their governments clamp heavy dues on tobacco products and prevent smoking ads in the local newspapers.

The recommendation, which symbolised an extensive kick-the-habit campaign in the Gulf countries, came

at the end of a two-day conference of the health ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar.

The ministers also discussed health education plans and recommended production of television programmes on drugs and the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Aids), said Dr

Jalal Al Ashi, secretary-general of the Arab Gulf Health Ministers Council at the end of the conference here this morning.

The ministers agreed on a uniform programme for purchasing medicines and medical equipment, he added.

The conference, the 28th session of the Gulf Health Council, adopted

several resolutions regarding the fight against meningitis as a number of preventive measures were agreed in view of recurrent reports of meningitis cases in the region, Ashi said.

The conference also talked about childcare and reviewed a study on children fatality rate in the region. Polio vaccines for foreigners coming to work

and live in the region were promised, he added.

**Health day**  
Meanwhile, head of the health awareness division at the Health Ministry Dr Hussein Al Momen yesterday said that Kuwait's celebration for this year's World Health Day, Kuwait Health Week will exceptionally start

at the beginning of March. He added, in a news conference, that changing the celebration's date for the events was to avoid their coincidence with the fasting month of Ramadan.

Momen indicated that the ministry, within its interest in such an international event, has formed several committees and prepared a number of programmes for that purpose.

It is noteworthy to mention that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has devoted this year's health day for environmental health awareness in order that people, world-wide, would learn and understand the importance of preserving their natural habitat.

## US study supports operations on Floks

AN ophthalmological study carried out in the US has supported the effectiveness of radial keratotomy — the most frequent operation now being performed on board the Floks floating eye hospital berthed in Jebel Ali.

The operation, pioneered by Soviet eye surgeon, Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov, is recommended to reduce levels of short-sightedness.

The US study is based on four years of investigation by researchers from Emory University in Atlanta. Its results have been published this week in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers interviewed more than 700 patients who underwent the surgery between March 1982 and October 1983 at an average cost of US\$2,000 per eye. Results showed that visual sharpness was improved to better than 20-40 in most four-fifths of the cases.

Infections developed in two patients, who were successfully treated with antibiotics without vision loss.

Among the 323 patients who had both eyes operated on, 64 per cent said they were no corrective lenses four years after the surgery.

"Our study and others have demonstrated fairly well that there are some adverse outcomes, but they are relatively rare," said John Carter, the study co-ordinator. "Radialkeratotomy is generally thought to be a safe, effective procedure and it does result in the reduction of myopia," he added.

More than 800 patients have undergone the operation on board the Petri Pervy since it docked in Jebel Ali last October at an average cost of US\$800 per eye. The 10,000-tonne vessel, a former car carrier, was converted into a floating eye hospital last year at a cost of US\$12.75 million. The project is the brain-child of Professor Fyodorov who pioneered radialkeratotomy almost 15 years ago.

## Move Fana HQ: Mena

CAIRO, Feb 28. (Kuna): The Egyptian Middle East News Agency (Mena) yesterday called for temporarily moving the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) headquarters from Beirut to the Arab League headquarters in view of the continuing civil war in Lebanon which adversely affected Fana's secretariat activities.

Mena, in a dispatch from Sanaa, where the 18th general assembly of Fana was opened earlier yesterday, called for distributing Arab news to foreign agencies in return for certain dues.

Mena's Board Chairman and Chief Editor Mustafa Nagib, in a working paper to the two-day conference, said that each Arab country should distribute a news bulletin through its national agency to the foreign agencies in return for certain dues.

Nagib's paper also included proposals for a fund to develop Arab News Agencies and guarantee inter-Arab flow of news in addition to the spread of news abroad.

Fana Chairman Bargez Al Jaber called for full co-ordination among Arab news agencies in the professional and political arenas and united stances to confront dangers facing the Arab nation at the information level, topped by the Soviet Jews immigration to occupied Palestine.



### Civil defence training

The Police Academy organised a training course on civil defence. The course which is the fifth of its kind held at the academy is attended by 21 police officers and two officers from the Defence Ministry. The assistant director-general of the Police Academy Col Ali Yacoub Abdulla opened the course. The opening was attended by a number of senior officers of the academy.

## Flag lowered to end N. Day celebrations

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): The flag was lowered this evening at a popular celebration at the "Green Island" marking the formal end of Kuwait's 29th National Day festivities.

The head of the Celebrations Standing Committee, Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad assumed leadership 12 years ago. Kuwait has experienced several political, economic and social achievements which elevated its regional and international standing.

Taking part in the event were musical bands of the army and police, as well as national guards and military academy cadets. Firework went on at 6 pm.

■ In New Delhi Indian Vice-President Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma and several political leaders attended a reception hosted by Kuwait Ambassador to India Ali Zakari Ali Ansari on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day here last night.

Diplomats from various Arab and Muslim countries, the United States and leaders of several political parties, including upper house deputy chair person Dr Najma Heptullah, and others attended the reception.

The ambassador and counselor Miteb Othman Al Ruman received the guests at the embassy premises.

The vice-president also exchanged views with the ambassador on friendly ties between the two countries.

■ Kuwait's Ambassador in Damascus Ahmed Abdul Aziz

residence on the occasion of Kuwait's 29th National Day.

Dr Aziz Rahman, Minister of Health and Family Planning of Bangladesh was the chief guest on the occasion. A large number of senior civil and military officials, Arab and foreign diplomats, judges, lawyers, educationists, political personalities, journalists and some leading elite of society also attended the reception.

The reception held for the first time at the residence of the ambassador unlike past practice, was marked by a joyous mood among the guests. A cool and pleasant evening cool and pleasant.

The ambassador's residence was tastefully decorated and illuminated.

The national flags of Kuwait and Bangladesh flanked the portraits of the Amir of Kuwait and the Bangladeshi President at the entrance where the Kuwaiti ambassador greeted all the guests.

The guests were also entertained with a documentary film on Kuwait.

Bangladesh television telecast the speech of the ambassador on the occasion and showed a documentary film sent by the Ministry of Information, in Kuwait.

Some national dailies and weeklies also brought out special supplements.



### Students at GTD

A delegation grouping a number of students from the intellectual education pre-qualification school has paid a visit yesterday to Kuwait's General Traffic Department, the Public Relations of the Interior Ministry reported.

It added that the delegation had familiarised itself with the different divisions and activities of the department. The delegation toured around the permanent exhibition of the department which reflects the development achieved in the field of signalling. The delegation also familiarised themselves with the developed telecommunication system of the department and the street layouts which had been designed to streamline traffic and to avoid congestion and minimise traffic accidents.

## Arab envoys meet ILO delegation in Geneva

GENEVA, Feb 28. (Kuna): The Council of Arab ambassadors accredited to the United Nations in Geneva yesterday held a two-hour meeting along with an Arab delegation to the 24th session of the governing body of the International Labour Office (ILO).

Ambassador of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who chaired the meeting, said the main issue discussed was concerning the proposal to hold a special sitting of the International Labour Conference at

its 77th session this year for the consideration of the director-general's report on the situation of the workers in the Palestinian and other occupied Arab territories.

At the current session of the ILO governing body, which started Tuesday and will go on till March 2, the question of holding a special sitting of the labour conference in June this year on the situation of workers in the occupied territories, will come up for discussion in the next few days.

A decision on this issue was deferred during the last governing body session to allow sufficient time for procedural matters. The governing body is composed of 54 members — 28 from governments and 14 each representing employers and workers. The chairman of the governing body for this year is Douglas Poultier from Australia.

Also among those who participated in the meeting of Arab ambassadors today was a three-member team from Kuwait.

## Israel ties Czech envoy defends decision

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): Czechoslovakia's Ambassador to Kuwait Tomas Strakos has defended his country's decision to resume diplomatic relations with Israel and said Prague aims to achieve "balanced relations" with all concerned parties in the Middle East.

In an interview with a local daily Strakos described the PLO's political initiatives as "very important" and stressed that any solution without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation will not lead to a just settlement in the Middle East.

The Czech ambassador, who repeated his country's support to the PLO, hoped that President Yasser Arafat would visit Prague as soon as possible to discuss the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

On the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, the ambassador said that his country "does not have anything to do with his issue."

He described the Jewish exodus as "very serious" and called for direct talks between the Soviet Union and the concerned countries to solve this problem.

Commenting on his country's relation with Kuwait, Strakos praised HH the Amir's initiative to solve the international debt problem and said Sheikh Jaber's proposals before the United Nations were "very valuable."

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## Transport planning needed for development: Yaseen

### Traffic safety course

By Lima Khalafah  
Arab News staff

IDENTIFYING problems and searching for pragmatic solutions are vital basic elements defined to enhance the transportation planning process. Dr Saleh Yaseen (the Faculty of Engineering, Kuwait University) said in a lecture the second day of a traffic seminar.

The seminar, the Traffic and Safety Course for police officers was held at Kait University and focused on transportation planning process and its relation to arm at solutions for comprehensive alternatives.

Speaking about transportation planning, Yaseen said that it involves the creation of highways within a framework of transit facilities, serve present and future traffic and road

infrastructure. As an example, he cited the case of the construction of a new shopping centre, or airport or convention centre and said that any of these facilities will essentially take into consideration the need for viable transportation services. These would have to take into consideration the flow of traffic in relation to expansion of roads and evaluate load-bearing stresses.

The official said that this urban transportation planning is concerned with two separate time horizons of short-term activity and long term projects.

Also speaking at the seminar, Dr Alan Nicholson of Canterbury, New Zealand, said that the primary safety measures to reduce accidents should reflect improved geometrical designs

## Childhood seminar

THE Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Childhood held its fourth seminar recently during the cultural season on the theme "The Arab Gulf Children Nutrition" a local daily reported.

Dr Abdurrahman Musaiger for Bahrain speaking at the seminar said that nutritional aspects of Arab children have not been accorded adequate concern by authorities and said that several factors contribute to malnutrition, including early marriage affecting the weight of the future.

Bad eating habits, outmoded traditions and lack of awareness of nutrition among doctors patients all play a major part in sickness such as anaemia, teeth decay and obesity.

Musaiger called for heightened awareness campaigns to be carried out relating to nutrition programmes among maternity cases and advocated encouraging mothers to breast feed their babies instead of opting to use bottle feeds.

## Co-op sales over \$2m

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): President of the Consumption co-operative Societies Union (CCSU) Saad Sawarej announced yesterday that the total 1989 CCSU's sales were eight per cent higher than the past year, an equivalent of KD650,556 (about \$2 million).

He told reporters the total profits of co-operatives reached KD26,910, an increase of 20 per cent against 1988 profits which were KD439,632, while net profits increased 10 per cent, recording KD260,711 up from 236,281 in the previous year.

He added that the co-operative movement proves every year and in light of these new numbers that it is achieving a constant progress as sales rose from KD213 million in 1988 to 230 million in 1989.

## Haroon tour

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): Undersecretary of Higher Education Mosaed Rashid Al Haroon will leave here Friday on a tour of Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

During his visits, Haroon will meet with officials of higher education ministries in four countries and get acquainted with activities of their establishments in addition to meeting the Kuwaiti students studying in these countries.

## Plax — new concept in oral hygiene

THIS month sees the launch in the Gulf region of a major new brand and proven concept in the oral hygiene market. A unique anti-plaque, pre-brushing, dental rinse, which is not a mouth wash and is known as Plax. Already it has taken the USA, Europe and Japan by storm, becoming a \$400 million market leader within two years of its introduction and is already recommended by 56 per cent of US dentists.

Plax is used prior to brushing teeth and helps to loosen and detach plaque, the sticky, colourless and harmful bacteria that forms on teeth.

Research shows that the average consumers brush their teeth for only a few seconds and rarely use dental floss. The use of dental floss two or three times a week and brushing teeth twice a day for at least two

minutes can help cut down on plaque. However, brushing teeth twice a day still doesn't deal with plaque, which can lead to serious oral hygiene problems.

Strict controlled dental tests have proven that Plax not only brightens teeth by removing plaque, but also prevents tartar, leaving the teeth healthy and clean.

Now Pfizer, a world leader in pharmaceuticals has developed an answer to this problem — Plax.

The launch of Plax, which will be widely available from supermarkets, pharmacies and co-operatives coincides with increasing interest in oral hygiene education amongst government health ministries and part of the Plax campaign will be aimed at increasing awareness among families and children about the importance of proper oral hygiene.

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# Cabinet briefed on Hussein's visit

## Some families exempted from debt

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today briefed the council of ministers on the outcome of the visit to Kuwait of Jordan's King Hussein and said State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed.

In a statement following the weekly regular session, Rashed said the talks between HH the Amir and King Hussein focused on the current Arab situation and the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel in an effort to formulate a joint Arab action to confront the challenges facing the Arab

world.

According to the statement, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed briefed the cabinet on the results of his visits to Baghdad and Amman. During his talks with the Iraqi and Jordanian leaders, Sheikh Sabah conveyed to them messages from HH the Amir of Kuwait on latest Arab developments in addition to bilateral relations between Kuwait and both countries.

The statement said that the council took note of the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah's visit to the United Arab

Emirates to unveil Kuwait's memorial. The Minister of Finance, Jassem Al Khorafi informed the council of ministers of the results of the 45th session of the Arab League's social and economic council, which was held in Cairo recently.

According to the statement, the minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khaled Al Jassar briefed the council on the outcome of the third conference for Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs which was held in Cairo recently.

The conference has adopted HH the

Amir's initiative on the international debt crisis.

Rashed said that the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed informed the council of the visit of his Iraqi counterpart Omend Medhat during which both sides discussed bilateral co-operation and exchange of expertise.

The council also decided to exempt some families from paying due installments to the Savings and Credits Bank in view of their difficult financial situation.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Inmarsat charges

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan today issued a decision concerning reduction of fees collected for marine communications to the Indian Ocean via the international marine satellite (Inmarsat).

The new charges are KD2.750 per minute for a phone call and KD1.750 per minute for telex.

### Co-op session

RIYADH, Feb 28. (Kuna): The third session of the joint Saudi-Tunisian co-operation commission will commence in the Tunisian capital tomorrow headed by the Saudi Minister of Finance and Economics Mohammed Abdu Khalil and his Tunisian counterpart Mohammed Ighanouchi, Saudi Press Agency reported today.

The session will explore means of developing co-operation between the two countries and co-operation in trade, scientific, transport and services fields.

### Fashion fair

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): Trade and Industry Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs Ali Abdullah Sager Al Bin Ali inaugurated here today the Kuwaiti fashion fair.

106 companies are participating in the fair, which is held at the Miskit Fair Grounds.

The fair will continue displaying its summer collection until March 7.

### Hamed in Riyadh

RIYADH, Feb 28. (Kuna): Bahrain's Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Forces Sheikh Hamad Ben Issa Al Khalifa arrived here today to attend the sixth national cultural and heritage festival.

Sheikh Hamed, whose visit comes in reply to an invitation from Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin 'Abdullah, is accompanied by a number of top government officials.

### N.D. reception

PARIS, Feb 28. (Kuna): Kuwaiti Ambassador in France, Dr. Tareq Razouqi hosted a reception at his residence Monday evening on the occasion of the Kuwaiti 29th National Day.

The reception was attended by French Secretary of State for International Cultural Relations, Thierry de Beaufort, Defence Secretary of State Gerard Renon and officials from various official institutions.

### Syrian commentary

DAMASCUS, Feb 28. (Kuna): HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad's Cairo visit had corroborated Arab efforts to clear the Arab atmosphere in general and Syrian-Egyptian relations in particular. A Syrian television commentary said here last night.

The television programme, on the occasion of Kuwait's 29th National Day, lauded Kuwait's Arab mediation efforts and strong belief in Arab unity.

It recalled Kuwait's incessant efforts in support of the Arabs' primary cause that of Palestine and its role in easing sufferings of the Lebanese people.

### Theft arrested

DEFECTIVES of Al Ahmadi Governorate apprehended a Syrian national identified as Marfone S. on charges of having committed several thefts, according to the public relation department of the Ministry of Interior.

During the course of investigations, security forces alleged that the accused confessed to having committed the thefts at Hassawi and Mishref areas amongst which he broke into a boutique and stole an amount of KD450, in addition to KD60 from two businesses, KD90 from two groceries and KD12 from a car in addition to stealing 11 motorcycles from Mishref and one from Al Hassawi and disposing them off at the Haraj market. He also acknowledged that he had stolen KD2,000 from his uncle.

### UK envoy

PETER Hinchcliffe, British ambassador in Kuwait since May 1987 will leave Kuwait in early March to take up a post as High Commissioner to Zambia. He will be replaced by Michael Weston.

## Jaber honours Kuwaitis

### Artists, historians receive medals

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

KUWAITI historians and artists were yesterday awarded medals and certificates by Information Minister and Head of the Standing Committee for Celebrating National Events, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah.

Among the recipients were historians Abdul Aziz Al Rashed also known for his role in the educational movement, Sheikh Naser Sabah Al Ahmed and Sheikh Hessa Al Sabah, both known for their Islamic antiquities collection which they have loaned to Kuwait Museum and man of letters Khaled Saud Al Zaid. Additionally, Sheikh Jaber also presented the historians medals, which was given by the Arab Historians Union to a number of personalities for their services in writing down Kuwait's history.

The personalities were the late Ahmad Al Bishier Al Roumi, Bader Khaled Al Bader, historian Saif Marzouk Al Shamian, Sheikh Naser Sabah Al Ahmed, and the late Sheikh Yousef Bin Issa Al Kanai.

The information minister also opened three exhibitions that took place at Kuwait Museum during the 29th National Day celebrations. The formative art exhibition opened yesterday and over 50 paintings were shown which depicted the old Kuwaiti style and heritage.

The other two exhibitions dealing with Kuwait



Jaber awarding a medal.



Information Minister at the exhibition of Kuwaiti paintings.

archaeological discoveries and amateur antiquities won the

diplomats attended the exhibition, the awarding ceremony and witnessed sword dances performed by folkloric bands.

## Burning tanker towed out of Gulf

DUBAI, Feb 28. (Reuter): A blazing US-flagged Kuwaiti tanker full of volatile naphtha was towed out of the Gulf overnight away from busy shipping lanes, the owners said today.

The products carrier Surf City caught fire last Thursday 30 miles off the United Arab Emirates killing two of its American crew. The fire appeared to be caused by internal reasons.

Chesapeake Shipping said in a statement today that it believed the fires raging on the 69,991-tonne ship could be put out and the vessel salvaged but the nature of the highly-inflammable cargo meant the outcome was unpredictable.

The owners have said that there was no major threat of sea pollution because the cargo was burning itself away.

The fire onboard the Surf City, remains contained and localised in the area on the ship where the original incident occurred. The ship remains under tow by the tug Smit New York, which is considered to be one of the largest vessels of its type in the world. Three other tugs are alongside the vessel providing cooling water to the area of the fire.

Chesapeake, continue to be

cautiously optimistic that the fire can be put out and the ship can be salvaged.



Premier's banquet

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah hosted Tuesday evening a dinner banquet at the Bayan Palace on the occasion of the country's 29th National Day.

The banquet was attended by head of the national guards, deputy premier and foreign minister, sheikhs, ministers, governors, former ministers, former parliament speakers and members, senior officials and board members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The banquet was also attended by members of the specialised councils, governors councils, a number of figures, mufti, board chairmen of national institutions and public shareholding companies, chief editors of local dailies and heads of sports federation and clubs, non-profit societies and co-ops.

Heads of diplomatic missions accredited to the country were also present at the banquet.

## Opec bashing era ends: US official

### Moves to ensure oil supply

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

AS the new picture of a rising global demand emerges, the US is seeking to secure steady oil supplies by strengthening its ties with Opec producers Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, a US Department of Energy official has said.

Assistant Secretary John Easton Jr. said the Gulf states will be producing to their capacity by the mid-1990s as reformist Eastern European countries turn to the Gulf to replace its traditional supplier, the Soviet Union, whose production is declining.

By then the US, whose domestic oil production is at its lowest in 25 years, hopes its comprehensive energy strategy will be in place and its two-way trade agreements with the Gulf states will ensure the US gets high priority.

Easton said that the energy strategy, expected to guide the country through a decade of heavy dependence on foreign oil, is to be presented to Congress in April.

He declined to reveal its contents.

Easton was at pains to stress that the Bush administration has set aside differences that may have marred US relations with Opec producers in the past.

In a statement intended to reassure its Opec partners Easton contended that the age of Opec-bashing is over and that the US is open for downstream investment from Saudi Arabia



Easton ... set aside differences.

and Kuwait.

He ruled out proposals calling for the taxation of imported oil.

"We want to enhance our relations with the Gulf oil producers and will take every step to demonstrate that," Easton said. But he warned that the US as a consumer country must also maintain certain distance so as not to appear to be involved in price-fixing with the producers.

"We feel strongly that the free market system is the best allocator of products and the best determinator of pricing," Easton said.

Advocating a steady and moderate price increase he indicated that Kuwait's call for scrapping of Opec output quotas is premature and would not be backed by other producers.

To further smooth the way the US has invited Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to invest in its downstream market. Saudi Arabia is already present in the US market while Kuwait has yet to gain a share.

"Downstream investment from the Gulf will enhance our energy security because the producing countries will have a vested interest in the US," he said.

But he pointed out that these investments will be evaluated case by case to ensure that US control over its vital assets and industries is not threatened.

Easton made it clear that in return Americans want to have an opportunity to invest in Gulf economies, primarily to provide oil and gas expertise and equipment.

## Milset agreement signed

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): The International Movement for Leisure Activities in Science and Technology (Milset) signed here today with the Czechoslovak representative to the organisation an agreement for holding the third scientific exhibition in Prague in July 1991.

An authoritative source at Kuwait Science Club (KSC) told Kuna the Czech government will provide a suitable atmosphere for such an event, which will include various scientific activities for youth of Milset member countries.

Among other issues Milset agreed upon was an initial agreement that KSC would host the 4th International Scientific Exhibition in Kuwait in 1993.

Kuwait had participated in the first scientific exhibition which was held in Canada and won a gold medal in the computer programming contest and also clinched another gold in the second exhibition in France for astronomy.

### Behaviour report

KUWAIT, Feb 28. (Kuna): Director of Information and Public Relations Office at the Planning Supreme Council Saad Al Duleeri today said that the committee of the social services hosted Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem and other officials to consider a report on alien behavioral phenomena in the Kuwaiti community.

The session was presided over by the Chairman of the Committee Ahmad Saad Al Jasser and attended by secretary general of the council Foza Abdul Rahman Mola Hussein, his assistant Sabeeha Al Jassar and members of the social services committee.

During the session, Sheikh Salem briefed the committee on the role of the Interior Ministry in controlling crime and efforts exerted by policemen to maintain security, stressing that preserving the community's stability and values was the responsibility of all sectors.



Cultural festival

The Commercial Studies College at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training held a cultural festival on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day.

The festival included an exhibition of handicrafts and models featuring Kuwait's past. The festival also

included a book fair and a number of recreational activities.

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# UK, France back Arabs on Jewish influx

DOHA, Qatar, Feb. 28. (AP): The Amir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, informed Jordan's King Hussein during talks today that the leaders of France and Britain support the Arab stand against the influx of Soviet Jews into Israel, the Qatar News Agency reported.

The agency, quoting a high-level Qatari official, said Sheikh Khalifa communicated the outcome of his talks with French President Francois Mitterrand and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher particularly on the issue of the Soviet Jewish emigration to the Israeli-occupied territories.

The Amir "referred to his majesty their understanding and support of the Arab point of view," added the source, who was not named.

Hussein was in Qatar on the third leg of a tour of

the Arab countries of the Gulf region to follow up an Arab plan with which to confront the influx. He earlier visited Kuwait and Bahrain and is to travel later to the United Arab Emirates.

The Qatari and Jordanian leaders discussed "with extreme concern the dangerous dimensions of the aggressive plot on which the government of Israel has embarked," said the Qatari official.

The two leaders "warned that such an ultimate action would complicate the efforts to find a comprehensive and lasting Middle East peace settlement because it involves grave dangers and aggression on Palestinian rights while threatening the nation security," he said.

Hussein, calling for an urgent Arab summit conference to ratify a plan of action, stated his cam-

paign with consultations in Riyadh with the influential Saudi Arabian monarch, King Fahd. The Amir of Qatar also backed the summit call, according to the agency report.

Over the weekend, Hussein hosted a summit for his partners in the year-old Arab Co-operative Council — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Statements by Egyptian and Palestinian leaders, as well as press reports indicate Arab intent to call a special UN Security Council session where guarantees would be sought to ensure that Israel does not settle the Soviet Jews in the occupied territories.

The Arabs also seek international action in helping persuade the Soviet Jewish emigrants to settle in

countries other than Israel.

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Asharq Al Awsat yesterday quoted "informed" sources in Cairo as saying that four Arab leaders, who met in Amman last week, wanted the summit to follow a visit to Moscow by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak on March 19 to discuss the influx with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The daily said Mubarak would convey the views of the leaders of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen.

A senior Israeli government official's prediction that 230,000 Soviet Jews could immigrate to Israel this year heightened fear today that Israel was unprepared for the influx.



One-square-metre shop

Abdullah Siani, fixing leather on top of a wooden piece to make the traditional damascene clog. His one-square-metre shop in central Damascus is used both as workshop and a showroom (Reuter wirephoto)

# Assad rules out East Europe-style change

Ties with Soviet Union strong, unchanged

DAMASCUS, Feb. 28. (Agencies): President Hafez Al-Assad has ruled out any East European-style political and economic changes for Syria and said it would continue to develop its own brand of socialism.

In his first comments on the winds of change sweeping Eastern Europe, Assad told a group of retiring parliamentary deputies: "Socialism is not intended to oppress others. It is intended to remove oppression from the oppressed."

"I do not want to say that we are practising the freedom we want. We always want more," he said.

Moscow's staunchest Arab ally and a hardline opponent of Israel, Assad, 59, has wielded power in Syria with an iron fist since taking over the country in a bloodless coup in 1970. He has also made Damascus a key factor in any eventual Middle East settlement.

The president said Syria's ties with the Soviet Union, its main allies, were strong and unchanged.

"I want to confirm that everything between us and the Soviet Union is going on with the spirit of friendship and strong ties, which you know was existing for many years."

Some Western diplomats in the Middle East, however, expect

"We do not do anything because others are doing it. We do it when we are convinced that it reflects our belief and benefits our people... we do not do anything under the pressure of certain circumstances or at the suggestion of anyone."

But he said he wished the countries of Eastern Europe well and hoped relations with them would remain strong.

Assad's comments to deputies who ended their four-year term on Monday were carried by Syria's official news agency and reported today in local newspapers.

Baath Arab Socialist Party would discuss how to develop the Baath-led five-party ruling coalition to give more say to other parties.

Referring to the country's economic structure, Assad said Syria had three sectors, the public, the private and the joint public-private sectors.

"...We will continue to encourage these three sectors and there is an urgent need to rally all our people's resources in serving the development of this country," he said.

"We built a political, party and popular system which we are satisfied with. We did not build it to rule despotically. The one who wants despotic rule would not

build on such a base."

"We are not afraid of freedom but we are very afraid of the loss of freedom," Assad added.

"We do not have differences on this, but we are always searching for a formula (to practise freedom). Freedom would not mean anything if it was not accompanied by the formula for practising it."

"We hope the next parliament will act with full freedom to complete what this one could not achieve," he said. Again, he did not elaborate.

The Syrian leader insisted on the socialist character of his nation's economy but stressed that he had always encouraged a mixed economy.

# Shells shatter Beirut lull

BEIRUT, Feb. 28. (Agencies): Rival Christian forces exchanged heavy artillery gunfire today and shells crashed in residential areas in East Beirut, raising fears of an imminent eruption of wide-scale fighting and an abandonment of tenuous peace efforts.

Residents of East Beirut were forced out of their beds and rushed to shelters as shells fell in the neighbourhood of Ashrafieh, security sources said. Interministerial shelling continued until noon, they said.

Troops loyal to Gen. Michel Aoun and the Lebanese Forces militiamen of Samir Geageb fought along the newly established demarcation lines in the Christian enclave and shells crashed in the surrounding residential areas, the security sources said.

Militia sources said Aoun's troops, deployed around Ashrafieh, bombarded this residential area, which is one of two remaining militia strongholds in East Beirut.

Sources said a Christian mediation team was close to a deadlock in reaching a political solution for the month-old bloody struggle that has killed at least 710 people and wounded 2,560 others.

Sources close to Aoun said Aoun prefers to settle his struggle with Geageb "peacefully," but they said that if the militia chief did not concede to his conditions of withdrawing from East Beirut, Aoun "will be forced to resort again to military action."

Aoun demands that the Christian enclave be "clean" of militiamen, but he accepts the first step that the militiamen withdraw from its remaining strongholds in East Beirut to the northern region of Kersouane, the sources said.

Kersouane is a militia stronghold but Aoun's troops still maintain a number of strategic positions there.

Observers said that after the rivals fought each other to a standstill for the past month, there was little hope that a new battle could be avoided and that it appeared Aoun was preparing to capture the remaining militia strongholds in East Beirut.

The observers said they expected the fighting to erupt in the next few days and predicted the battle would be devastating.

Aoun, they said, needs a victory in Ashrafieh because it opens his road to the Beirut port, which is essential for bringing in military supplies from abroad.

The Lebanese Forces, however, reportedly has bolstered its military position after obtaining an arms shipment. The independent An Nahar newspaper said today the militia has obtained a shipment of arms and ammunition that originally was being sent to Aoun.

The newspaper said the shipment was carried by the Panamanian freighter "Atlantic Three," which had been roaming the Mediterranean and was unloaded last week in the nearby port of Jounieh.

An Nahar quoted political sources as saying the military hardware aboard the freighter was sent last summer by Iraq to Aoun. Iraq has supported Aoun in his "war of liberation," which he declared last March to drive some 35,000 Syrian troops out of Lebanon.

## Dud dowry cheque

ABU DHABI, Feb. 28. (Reuter): An Iranian who tried to "buy" a bride with a dud dowry cheque has been arrested by police in the United Arab Emirates.

Al Bayan newspaper said today the man, identified only as N.M. from Fujairah on the east coast, gave his future father-in-law a cheque for 30,000 dirhams (\$8,200) as part of the wedding dowry that is the custom in the Gulf.

# Peres doubts talks pledge

Labour may leave coalition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (Agencies): Vice Premier Shimon Peres said today he doubts whether Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, facing stiff resistance within his right-wing Likud bloc, can accept US-backed compromises aimed at starting peace talks with Palestinians.

Peres, the head of the left-leaning Labour Party, spoke in an interview on March 7 deadline to approve them.

"We are nearing the real decision now," Peres said. "In a week or so we shall see what is happening."

He described the current crisis as "more serious than previous ones" and added: "From the Likud point of view, they have reached the point where they have to make up their mind."

Peres indicated that Labour would leave its coalition with Likud and try to form a new government with smaller religious and left-wing parties if Likud continues to balk at peace efforts.

Asked whether he was ready to form a new cabinet, Peres said: "Maybe, I don't exclude it."

The Hadashot daily quoted Peres as telling party activists yesterday that he could put together a narrow government within 10 days if Shamir's government falls.

Peres also told the AP that if he forms a new government, he will continue to back the Israeli elections plan rather seek a new peace formula.

Baker's compromise on the composition of a Palestinian delegation calls for including Palestinians from East Jerusalem and some deported by Israel in preliminary Cairo peace talks, Israeli newspapers said.

They also call for Egypt to announce the names of the delegates and for the agenda to be left open to allow Palestinians to bring up subjects other than the elections.

# Palestinians strike US urges Israel to open universities

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (Reuter): Arabs striking in protest at Israel's continued shutdown of Palestinian universities in the occupied territories gained indirect support today from Washington for their demands that the campuses be reopened.

Ignoring Arab... and Western protests, the Israeli government said yesterday that the five universities in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip would be kept closed for a further three months.

Israel shut them shortly after the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule began 26 months ago.

Residents said shop closed and transport ground to a halt in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem on the second day of a general strike called by the PLO-backed underground leaders of the revolt.

The US embassy in Tel Aviv said Washington welcomed Israel's announcement yesterday that it would reopen 14 West Bank community colleges after a two-year shutdown, but it called for a resumption of classes for 14,000 university students.

"We hope the action (on community colleges) will be expanded to include the six universities," US embassy spokesman Don Colman told Reuters.

"We have long held that opening schools can contribute to an atmosphere conducive to dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis and in this way help the peace process."

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## Arab National Orchestra of Music in Kuwait

THE Arab National Orchestra of music are currently in Kuwait to perform at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Hawalli on March 1 and 2, under the auspices of the National Council of Culture and Arts. There are 180 members of the group and their conductor is Dr Salim Sahab who holds a PhD in Symphony Orchestras.



The Cairo-based orchestra was established in August 1988 in the Opera House of TO by Dr. Salib Al-Hifni (currently the chairman of the Opera House). After two months of establishment the orchestra was awarded the Gold Medal in the Babylon Festival.

## CINEMA TODAY

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9.30 Opening and Holy Quran	
9.15 Cartoon Serial	
9.45 Sabah Al Kher, news	
10.10 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)	
10.15 Sabah Al Kher Programmes	
10.30 Raji Fi Al Masyada: Arabic serial, starring Waheed Saif, Mimi Jamal and Fayza Kamal	
11.30 The Open University: cultural programme	
12.00 Sabah Al Kher Programmes	
12.15 Hewar Wa Nagham: local variety programme, Prepared by Khaled Bu Hamad and presented by Nervana Idrees	
1.00 News Summary	
1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)	
1.30 Min Ghari Kalam: variety programme, presented by Hasan Mustafa	
2.15 Discovery: cultural serial	

3.00 Varieties	programme
3.30 Liqa Al Khamees: variety programme, prepared by Jameel Hmoud and presented by Ameena Al Sharah	by Ameena Al Sharah
5.00 Saham Al Fadha: Cartoon serial	5.30 Cartoons
5.30 Wa Qala Hakeem: Historical Serial	6.45 Kuwait Information Message to The State of Kuwait
7.00 Maa Al Talaba: local programme, prepared by the School Activities Department	9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
8.00 Kul al fonoou: local programme, presented by Rasha Majdi	9.15 Cartoon serial
8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme	9.45 Cartoons
9.00 News in Arabic	10.15 Magazine D'actualite (repetition)
9.45 Illa Al Shabah Maa Al Tahaya: Arabic serial (part 4)	10.30 Children's magazine: Local children's programme
11.15 Samak Laban Tamr Hindi: Arabic feature film, starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Maali Zayed and Yousef Dawoud	11.00 Al abadeeth Al Mawdoo: Religious programme, presented by Salah Abu Ismael
12.15 Thursday late night special variety	11.15 Live from the Grand Mosque for the Friday Prayer and speeches
	12.25 Alwaa: Local variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatema Abdul Wahab
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	1.20 Hadeeth Deen: Religious programme,

programme presented by Mohamed Metwally Al Sharawi	8.45 Hadeeth Al Osbo: Religious programme, presented by Ali Al Jassar
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1.35 The World Today via Satellite	9.45 Wrestling
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9.15 Cartoon serial	5.15 Cartoons
9.45 Cartoons	5.30 Night chemists, airmen and official advertisements
10.15 Magazine D'actualite (repetition)	6.00 Kuwait Television programmes preview in a week
10.30 Children's magazine: Local children's programme	6.30 Kuwait in a week: Local programme, prepared and presented by Television News Control
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11.15 Live from the Grand Mosque for the Friday Prayer and speeches	8.00 The family programme: Local programme, prepared by Tahani Al Buruqqi and presented by Fatema Rashed and Fatooh Al Dalali
12.25 Alwaa: Local variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatema Abdul Wahab	7.00 Wild America: "White on White" A look at Alaska, the land where snow covers its land

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Cartoons
6.30 A Walt Disney Movie "Savage Sam": Two brothers and their sister Elizabeth are kidnapped by a group of Red Indians, their dog "Sam" is beaten and faints... When it recovers stars attacking the Indians ferociously...
8.00 News in English
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10.00 Roseanne: "Let's call it quits"

10.30 The Mystery Wheel: "Dancer's Touch" A criminal who attacks young girls without being arrested is hunted down by Stryker, the police man

11.30 News in Brief

11.45 Magazine D'actualite

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Bush calls for lower taxes for business

NEW YORK, Feb 28. (AP): President George Bush called for lower taxes for US business today as he began a four-day campaigning trip that will wind up with a meeting in California with the Japanese prime minister.

"Lower taxes are the key to making America competitive in the global marketplace," Bush said in remarks prepared for a State-of-the-Union fundraiser for Republican congressional candidate Susan Molinari.

"We can outproduce, out-market and outsell anybody else if we can keep taxes low for American business," Bush said.

The president said his trip to California would focus on efforts to fight drugs and crime, and he would see Japan's Toshiki Kaifu, to discuss another important issue: American competitiveness in the Pacific rim.

Molinari, a city council member, is seeking to succeed her father, Guy Molinari, in a special election March 20 for the seat he resigned when he was elected Borough president.

Bush heads to San Francisco tonight to raise money for Republican Sen. Pete Wilson, gubernatorial candidate in the first of four nights in California. Bush ends the week with his talks with Kaifu in Palma Springs.

The Kaifu meeting is expected to be the last of Republican political efforts in California by spotlighting trade issues that are of vital importance to the state, said one Republican operative who spoke on condition of anonymity. Resentment of Japan's central role in trade competition in key areas such as the auto industry, electronics and agriculture.

In his remarks, Bush also referred to an oil spill of Staten Island by Exxon Corp., but he did not mention the Tuesday federal indictment against Exxon on five criminal counts stemming from the devastating tanker spill off Alaska's Prince William Sound last March.

Bush was criticized for failing to involve the federal government quickly enough in overseeing cleanup of that spill, and for being reluctant to criticize Exxon.

## Royal deposit rates firm

NICOSIA, Feb 28. (Reuters): Saudi royal interbank deposit rates firmed marginally in active trade today due to a small liquidity shortage, dealers said.

One dealer said the latest Saudi government bond issue had drained funds from the market.

Most business was in the short dated. One week firmed 1/16 point from Tuesday to 7-3/4 1/2 per cent and one month 1/16 point to 7-7/8 1/8. Three months climbed 1/8 point to 8-1/8 7-7/8.

## Swissair voted best

THE readers of the Dutch travel magazine "Zakenreis -- Business Travel and Travel Trade Magazine" voted Swissair the best airline in Europe in a survey carried out every two years. KLM and Lufthansa followed in second and third place. The magazine asked primarily large firms' leading executives who travel a lot.

Two years ago, Swissair came in second place, after KLM and before Air France, in the same survey.

Among the world's best airports, Zurich came third, after Schiphol Amsterdam and Changi airport Singapore.

## Gas transit contract signed

TUNIS, Feb 28. (Reuters): Tunisia and the Yugoslav company Sodet Petrol have signed a contract to use the gas pipeline across Tunisia for taking Algerian natural gas to Yugoslavia via Italy, a gas pipeline company spokesman said today.

Deliveries will start at a rate of 600 million cubic metres a year in 1991 after Italy's gas network has been linked to the Yugoslav network in the northwestern province of Slovenia.

Payments to Tunisia will be on the same principle as for gas which Italy buys from Algeria, he added. Tunisia can either take a proportion of this gas for its own use or sell it to Italy.

The proportion for the deliveries to Yugoslavia has not been fixed as the contract must first be approved by Tunisia's Chamber of Deputies (parliament), he said.

# Public spending will go up

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

PUBLIC expenditures in Kuwait will go up during the current fiscal year as a direct result of the increase in oil production, the improvement of its prices and the US dollar exchange rate, Kuwaiti economist Jassim Al Saadoun said yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, he warned that any uncalculated expansion in the expenditures will result in inflationary pressures that will be felt in the future. He also said that in general, the state budget will be a repetition of the past few years and denied that there has been recently encouraging signs indicating a revival in the coun-

try's economy.

Citing the banking sector, he said five out of the six commercial banks in Kuwait are facing deficit but are backed by the government — a guarantee for depositors. He said that the price index, quantity and value of trading at the Kuwait Stock Market have been generally weak over the past year and during the first part of this year. This, he added, could imply negative signs for a recovery.

But, he expressed optimism in the future in the whole Gulf region. There is a good prospect of improvement in the financial affairs of the region resulting from increasing the oil output quota — 50 per cent in three years — improvement in oil prices and the US dollar rate of

exchange. Saadoun said. He added that such solutions need careful studies before implementation.

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the Central Bank has clearly called for merging banks either together or with financial companies. But he said that so far there has been no information or details about the process of merger or in what way it will be carried out.

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## Good trade figures cheer markets

PARIS, Feb 28. (Reuters): France reported an unexpectedly small January trade deficit of 790 million francs (\$140 million) today, cheering both the government and French financial markets.

The gap, France's best monthly performance since September, was well down on December's 2.44 billion francs (\$430 million) and on forecasts of around four billion (700 million).

"It's a good figure that shows that the economic policies we've been following for the past two years are bearing fruit," Finance Minister Pierre Berezovoy told a radio interviewer.

The news helped the franc to a five-month high against the West German mark, while the Cac-40 Paris Stock Market index was nearly one per cent higher in mid-afternoon at 1,843.25.

Private economists welcomed the increase in imports, which rose seven per cent in January to a record 108.6 billion francs (\$18.35 billion), led by sales of farm products, cars, military goods and aircraft.

But analysts said they remained to be convinced that the trend could be sustained.

Few expect much of an improvement this year from 1989, when the trade gap widened to 43.71 billion francs (\$7.67 billion) from \$2.82 billion (5.76 billion) in 1988.

"I remain very, very cautious," said Olivier Elouer, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais.

"The fundamental trends still for fairly large deficits," said Eric Taze-Bernard of Banque

Indosuez. Part of the scepticism revolves around the data's quality.

The figures are adjusted to smooth out sharp seasonal swings — such as extra demand for oil imports in winter, or lower exports in summer because of holiday production cuts — but economists suspect the statistical techniques used overstate the extent of the trade improvement in January.

Raw figures showed a deficit of 4.56 billion francs (\$650 million) compared with a surplus in December of 448 million (65 million).

"There's been a problem with seasonal adjustment factors for a number of years," Taze-Bernard said.

## Partners seek compromise

### Enimont assembly adjourns

MILAN, Feb 28. (Reuters): A meeting of shareholders in troubled Italian chemicals joint venture Enimont SPA adjourned for three days after the funding stalemate and private partners announced they would try again to reach a compromise.

Enimont managing director Sergio Cragnoi accepted a surprise request from state energy giant Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI) to adjourn the meeting until Saturday to permit fresh talks.

ENI and Montedison SPA each hold a 40 per cent stake in Enimont, which was launched more than a year ago and ranks among the world's 10 largest chemical firms.

Cragnoi, a senior aide to Montedison chairman Enrico Gardini, chaired today's one-hour meeting after Enimont chairman Lorenzo Nucci quit late last night.

Nucci said the squabbling between the two partners had undermined his position within Enimont.

The latest row broke out after Montedison proposed adding two members to the evenly-divided 10-seat board in order to represent private investors. The proposal, which needs shareholder approval, was opposed by the government on the grounds it was a ploy for power by Gardini.

Three Gardinialies have an additional stake of slightly more than 10 per cent in Enimont, giving the industrialist effective shareholding control of the venture.

In a tactical move, Montedison forced the suspension of an initial gathering of shareholders on Tuesday by not formally presenting its votes at the session. As a result necessary quorum of 65 per cent of the business on hand was not achieved.

Montedison registered the shares at today's assembly, which required only a simple majority for a quorum.

The first indication of attempts to find a compromise emerged at today's brief meeting.

"Montedison has hoped and tried for a concrete solution" of Enimont's problems with the aim of assuring an important presence of the company on international markets, Montedison Attorney Mario Casella told today's session.

In addition, Casella said Montedison has proposed a \$1 billion lire (\$8 billion) capital increase for Enimont, half of which would be in cash and the remainder through the transfer of assets.

He did not give additional details of the capital plan, but Casella said the proposal should be considered within 60 days and the operation was necessary to assure Enimont's competitiveness on global markets.

"Naturally, all of this assumes that an accord would be reached between the two partners," he said after the meeting.

There have been sporadic Italian press reports that Montedison would seek to transfer additional businesses such as its US polypropylene producer Hamon Inc into Enimont.

Enimont shares fell on today's news, dropping in late trading to 1,443 lire (\$1.20) each after closing on Tuesday at 1,700 lire (\$1.30).

## World stock roundup

SYDNEY, Feb 28. (Reuters): The market bounced back from Monday's slide, led by a strong performance of Wall Street and a rally in Tokyo. The All-Ordinaries index closed 4.8 points higher at 3,575.2.

TOKYO: Share prices closed sharply higher but below the day's high, in moderate trading. The Nikkei index rose 1,530.04.

SINGAPORE: Share prices ended lower on rumblings of government plans to raise reserves. The stock exchange index fell 35 points to 676.73.

FRANKFURT: West German shares recovered slightly during a moderate session with the Dax index ending higher. The Dax index closed 5.60 points higher at 1803.

HONG KONG: The Hang Seng index closed 19.36 up at 2,951.98 on

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## Gold gains

# Dollar ends firmer

LONDON, Feb 28. (Reuters): The dollar ended firmer in Europe today because of encouraging news about the growth of the US economy, while stock markets recovered their nerve after recent sharp falls in Tokyo.

The pound sterling also showed resilience, surviving a battering by disappointing British trade data to close rather changed against the dollar.

The US currency was boosted by figures which revised the US Gross National Product for the last three months of 1989 to 0.9 per cent annual rate from a previous estimate of 0.5 per cent. Economists had expected a revision to 0.4 per cent.

The dollar closed in London at 1,693 marks, more than a pfenning above Monday's close of 1,6833. Against the yen it crept up to 148.80 from 148.70.

Dealers said the mark, already weakened by fears about the costs of German monetary union, was further hit by rumours that the union would involve an exchange rate of one East German mark to one West German mark.

The talk stemmed from comments by East German central bank chief Horst Kammel that his country would insist on a one-to-one exchange rate for private savings.

Gold rose to \$407.70 an ounce, from its 407.25 close on Tuesday.

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Asip chief, Haeusser meet chamber president

ABDUL 'Aziz Al Saqer, president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry received yesterday in his office the President of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (Asip), Tala Abu Ghazaleh with Dr. Erich Haeusser, president of the German Patent Bureau, who is visiting Kuwait by invitation from Asip. During the meeting matters of mutual interest were discussed and methods of co-operation between the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and German Patent Bureau in the field of industrial property protection.

Following the meeting with Al Saqer, Abu Ghazaleh and Dr. Haeusser were received by the Assistant Under-Secretary for Commercial Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Rashed Abdulla Al Murejen, where various topics of industrial property protection were discussed.

Dr. Haeusser expressed the willingness of the German Patent Bureau to provide technical assistance to the concerned authority. Abu Ghazaleh briefed Murejen on the proposed project to establish an Arab Data Bank for patents and trademarks with a primary objective to provide services to concerned authorities in the Arab countries.

Dr. Haeusser's visit to Kuwait is the first leg of a tour organized by Asip which will also take him to Saudi Arabia and Sultanate of Oman. This comes within the objectives of Asip to establish technical co-operation between departments concerned with the protection of industrial property in the Arab countries and their counterparts in other countries of the world and the international organizations. It is noteworthy that the German Patent Bureau is one of the three largest offices for patents worldwide.

## Garments exhibition

AN international fair entitled "Bangladesh Apparels and Textiles Expo '90" will be held in Dhaka from April 10-13 1990. Apparels made of pure cotton/synthetic, knit fabrics and baggage items will be displayed. Fabrics and accessories manufactured in Bangladesh will also be displayed in the expo. A wide range of woollen garments for winter 1990 and fall 1991 will be special attraction of Expo '90.

Organisers of the expo have made elaborate arrangements for reception of foreign participants and special hotel discounts will be available to them.

Interested garment importers may like to contact the Economic and Commercial Wing of the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait for further details and brochures. (Telephone: 4831604 and 4834078 Extn. 14 or 11).

## Northrop Corp pleads guilty

LOS ANGELES, Feb 28, (UPI): Northrop Corp. pleaded guilty yesterday to 34 felonies and agreed to pay \$17 million to settle a defense fraud case involving sales of defective weapons and parts to the military.

US district judge Pamela Rymer accepted the pleas and dismissed 141 remaining charges against Northrop, including allegations against two management executives from Northrop's precision products division in Massachusetts.

A former employee at a lower level of Northrop's management tier, Clarence Gonsalves, was allowed to plead guilty to eight charges alleging he oversaw the falsification of tests on air force-bound cruise missiles.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Feb 28 (Kuwait): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29130	0.29245
Sterling	0.49136	0.49351
DM	1.7216	1.7295
Sw. Fr.	0.19629	0.19721
F.Fr.	0.03083	0.03107
Lira	0.0019426	0.001938
Japan-yen	0.0019413	0.0019701
Bahrain	0.77267	0.77594
UAE Dirh	0.07929	0.09764
S. riyal	0.07766	0.07799
Q. riyal	0.07999	0.08038
O. riyal	0.75842	0.75991

## EXCHANGE RATES

	17-30	17-30
Indian rupee	7.380	7.380
Sri Lankan rupee	13.750	13.750
Bangladesh taka	6.980	6.980
US dollar	1.200	1.200
Pound sterling	0.75000	0.75000
Deutsche mark	0.7954	0.7954
Japanese yen	0.01973	0.01973

# Risk loan provisions slice into profits at Belgian bank

BRUSSELS, Feb 28, (Reuters): Generale Bank, Belgium's leading bank, said today its net profits plunged by almost two thirds last year because of big provisions to give it 100 per cent cover against loans to Third World debtor countries.

Generale, banking arm of the Societe Generale de Belgique industrial and financial conglomerate, announced group net profit slumped to

2.6 billion francs (\$74 million) from 7.45 billion (\$213 million) in 1988.

Behind the drop was a decision to make full provisions against loans to 44 countries, including Brazil, Mexico and Poland, instead of only 50 per cent cover as in 1988.

"We are now coming out of a long tunnel we have been struggling in since May, 1982 when Mexico first had difficulty," Generale chairman Paul

Emmanuel Janssen said.

Janssen said the provisions had cost 9.2 billion francs (\$262 million). Leading British and American banks have also sliced into their profits by boosting their reserves against possible non-repayment of loans to indebted countries.

Because of the profit drop Generale said it would keep its after-tax

dividend shareholders unchanged at 10 francs per share (\$17.6).

Generale decided to wipe the slate clean of problem debt now because "borrowers who have made improvements have had the hope that if the situation improves, some of the money set aside for risky loans could be recovered."

The Generale chief denied, as some action to increase its flexibility in the bank took the bitter medicine now

because it did not want to report big profits just as it was negotiating with Belgian unions to cut its workforce.

If it had not made the big provisions for risky debt, Generale said its net profit would have been up 42 per cent on 1988 to 10.6 billion francs.

Generale is aiming to cut costs by shedding some 1,000 of its 16,000 workers, mainly through voluntary redundancies.

## Move to attract overseas funds

# AMF plan to develop Arab stock markets

ABU DHABI, Feb 28, (Reuters): The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) announced today a plan to develop Arab stock markets, which it believes is the best way to stop large amounts of capital flowing out of the region.

"The AMF has embarked on an ambitious project to develop Arab stock markets ... as a prelude to setting up a joint Arab exchange that will complement the existing ones," the Abu Dhabi-based fund said in a statement.

The AMF said it would create a stock data base, indices and a unified law to govern existing markets.

The data base, which should be ready this year, would publish monthly information on share

moves and companies and be distributed to brokers and investment houses, it said.

The data base would cover Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, Morocco, Algeria and the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC).

In the GCC, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman have official exchanges while Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates have all said they intend to establish their own. Local officials, however, have said they are in no hurry.

AMF officials said they discussed the fund's plan with countries involved over the last year and they urged those without official floors to set them up soon.

"Arab stock markets now are

relatively dull. They need to be developed to encourage local investors and attract overseas funds," the statement said.

"We would like to expand our base to include more Arab states but it seems there is no interest, at the moment, from some states," an AMF official said.

In countries such as Libya, Syria, South and North Yemen, Somalia and Mauritania, the public sector accounts for up to 90 per cent of economic activity. Iraq has recently sold some state firms to the public but this has been limited. Sudan's economy is not developed enough for a market.

Elsewhere, Arab investors themselves are limited in what stocks they can buy.

## Debt strategy, interest rates under review

## Brady, Major discuss E. Europe

LONDON, Feb 28, (Reuters): US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and British Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major met yesterday to discuss international issues including economic reconstruction in Eastern Europe.

A British treasury spokesman described the meeting between Brady, currently on a European tour, as "long, friendly and constructive" but gave no details of the topics discussed.

Neither the US embassy nor British officials disclosed details of Brady's first meeting with Major, who became Chancellor in October after the resignation of Nigel Lawson.

But the British officials said the meeting touched on the prospect of German unification, international debt strategy and interest rates.

Brady, who has visited West Germany, France, Italy and yesterday visited Brussels for talks with European Commission president Jacques Delors.

Brady's arrival came amid expectations that the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations would meet this spring in Europe, ahead of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank meetings scheduled for later this year in Washington.

Brady had talks in Warsaw last week. The official Polish news agency PAP said the discussion focused on ways to reduce Poland's \$42 billion debt.

The officials could not say whether Brady's discussion with Major linked the international debt strategy to economic assistance for Eastern Europe's fledgling democracies.



More Arab cabin crew

A second group of Arab cabin crew have received their wings and enter service this month on British Airways' Middle East routes. This brings to 42 the number of regional crew based at British Airways' cabin centres in Bahrain and Cairo. The latest set of recruits included 6 Bahrainis and 3 Egyptians. "Our aim this summer is to have two Arab crew members on all our Middle East flights," says Adel Ali, BA manager, Bahrain. "In addition to helping our Arab passengers they perform an important function in monitoring the standard of special Arab services on board our flights." Pictures shows British Airways' newest recruits for its Arab cabin crew base in Bahrain with the airline's Bahrain Manager, Adel Ali.

## Bankers see convertible Turkish lira a step closer

## ANKARA, Feb 28, (Reuters):

The Turkish lira has moved closer to full convertibility with a new easing of foreign exchange regulations, but the IMF may seek further relaxation, bankers say.

They said International Monetary Fund officials arriving were likely to approve on Monday's lifting of restrictions on foreign exchange purchases from banks.

Ankara on Monday also freed business-purpose foreign exchange transfers abroad of up to a limit of \$5 million and purchases of foreign securities by Turks or foreigners living in Turkey.

"Turkey is pursuing the right policies at the right time. It is doing what needs to be done (to achieve full convertibility)," said Ibrahim Betil, general manager of Garanti Bankasi AS.

"The lira is not today a widely-traded currency. But if the IMF decides it is convertible, this may enhance confidence in the lira, said a senior Western monetary source who asked not to be named.

"Still, such a decision will take some time," he added.

Bankers said the IMF sees bilateral barter trade agreements with Iran and Iraq, both IMF members, as hindrance to full convertibility of the lira.

"I think we should not harm our country's interests for the sake of pleasure the IMF," Betil told Reuters.

"If we lose our Iran market, shall we find a similar market in the US? No because the US is imposing quotas on our textile products."

A minimum capital requirement of one billion lira to set up an establishment, open a branch or become a partner of a company in Turkey was also abolished this week.

Thibault said the bank will be taking up some new loans to China as well as the old ones, which were to have totalled \$320 million.

He approved Tuesday by Thibault's board will be repayments 40 years with less than 1 per cent annual interest. For 10 years, only the interest need be paid.

"The money will go to help farmers in Jiangxi province, the northeast part of the country. The bank made a loan to China earlier this month to help repair damage from an earthquake that occurred after the political crackdown."

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The United States is the biggest contributor but has no direct veto over loans by the bank, which gets most of its money by floating bonds on world markets. It announced a bond issue on Tuesday for 50 billion Japanese yen - \$3.75 million.

After Comptol had back the loans to China last June, US President George Bush asked that lending be suspended. Since then the United States has resumed its own loans to China, and it made a grant to help American firms working on the subways in Shanghai.

## Interest Rates

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1 month 8-1/2 8-3/4

3 months 8-1/2 8-3/4

6 months 8-1/2 8-3/4

1 year 8-1/2 8-3/4

## Economy booms

## Private banks thrive

PORTO, Portugal, Feb 28, (Reuters): For some companies it might seem a recent disaster. But Portugal's young private banks are finding competition and Western Europe's poorest economy the ideal ingredients to make money — lots of it.

While many state banks nationalised after the 1974 leftist revolution grow slowly with bad loans and mismanagement, dynamic newcomers created since Portugal reopened the banking industry to private interests six years ago are reaping a rich harvest.

"We're powering ahead," said chairman Artur Santos of BCP, as he presented record profits for lending investment bank Banco Português de Investimento (BPI) last week.

"Since February, 1984, about a dozen private Portuguese and foreign banks have been authorised to compete with the 10 state banks and three foreign ones already on the scene."

The new private institutions include Portuguese banks BPI, Banco Comercial Português, Banco de Comercio Espanhol, Banco International do Funchal and the Banco

Internacional de Credito.

State banks still lead in the number of branches and hold about 80 per cent of assets in the industry. The banking system is tightly controlled, and analysts say this situation can shield underperforming less competitive state banks.

But due to longstanding rigidities and the fact that the state banks have borrowed money below market rates, most state banks are in weak positions.

Many are also under-capitalised, unlike some private banks which have expanded capital bases by tapping capital markets.

"The public banks are lagging behind," said one foreign banker.

At the helm of the new private competition is BCP, which has catapulted to the spot of leading commercial bank since its 1986 creation by a group of leading industrialists.

BCP, now Portugal's 10th largest bank in terms of assets and second biggest in capital, has aggressively shaken up its banking with a wave of branches and fresh ideas.

By going for medium to high income depositors and opening highly computerised branches BCP presents a sharp contrast to some of the heavily-staffed and under-equipped state banks.

TOKYO, Feb 28, (UPI): A group of about 80 US Japanese and European commercial banks signed an agreement in Tokyo today to extend a new debt-relief loan totaling about \$700 million to the Philippines.

The Philippines is the second recipient of a debt-financing loan under the so-called Brady plan initiated by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

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# A film too many—but new all the same

By Firoze Rangoonwala  
Special correspondent

**CINEGOERS** are forever known to know what kind of fare they can expect in the coming film. And we are not talking of those who have almost given up seeing Hindi films or make do with just a "small" dose through the video cassette. We are talking of those hard-core addicts who throng the theatres in the first few weeks (or days), to know what new stuff the new films are made of.

As always, coming events cast their shadow, similarly coming films reflect their yarns, which get talked about. The ballyhoo of publicity creates curiosity for what these star-studded or star-made films contain. But producers try to maintain the secret for fear of imitation. Rajesh Khanna also did it when he started his home production *Jai Shiv Shankar*.

Now that the film is almost ready, he has relaxed and talks about it with press. Rajesh himself plays Jai, an investigative journalist who exposes misdeeds of mafia, led by Anupam Kher in league with policeman Shafi Inamdar and politician Om Shrivani. The town's collector is Dimple, who is also against the gang. Rajesh and Dimple, childhood lovers, are separated because she had to support sister Poonam. Dhillon and brother Chunky. But when they meet years later the emotional sparks are ignited.

Poonam also wants to become a journalist. So Dimple puts her in touch with Rajesh, but she begins to have a crush on him. Seeing this Dimple withdraws. Brother Shankar (Ghunku) strays on the criminal path, joining Anupam's gang after a tiff with Rajesh's sister Sangeeta (Dollu). The third hero, Shiv (Jeetendra) is already with the mafia. Naturally he reforms, when he begins to love Poonam and sees that Anupam tries to knock her and finish off Chunky. Dimple becomes a victim of the gang's revenge. As expected, Jai, Shiv and Shankar

join hands, but Jai (Rajesh) is also bumped off.

The gangsters set fire to the press. There is public outrage. Using this support, the survivors crush the mafia and carry on Rajesh's good work. The film is designed to give maximum leverage to Khanna, with two heroines giving their attentions to him. His subdued, sedate image is compensated by the stunts and thrills involving the other two. Dimple is sad. Poonam, sentimental and Sangeeta, a prop in the film.

Ranjeet's dream film, *Karnama*, nearing completion after many tussles with Vinod Khanna, pays more attention to a horse than the stars. The action-producer's weakness for race horses made him select this theme about hero Vinod training his beloved horse to win the Gold Cup. Vying with him is villain Amrish Puri who wants his own steed to hit the jackpot. To make matters worse, Amrish's daughter Kimi loves Vinod. Amrish

treats it like a passing affair but she becomes pregnant. Later he shows his heroism by saving her from a river by injuring himself.

Ranjeet has made the horse so clever that it responds to audio-video tape messages. When Vinod is in hospital, the horse goes on a hunger-strike only to be revived by his master's voice. Amrish's horse again, falls back



Rekha accomplishes a feat with Vinod in Karnama

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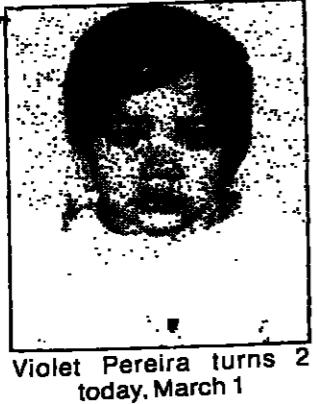
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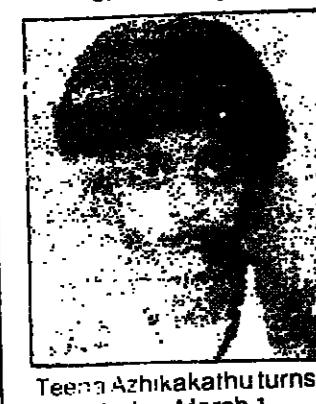
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Jibu John George turns 5 on February 27



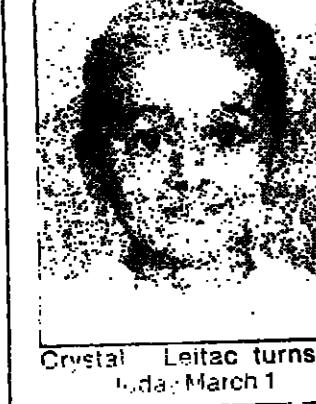
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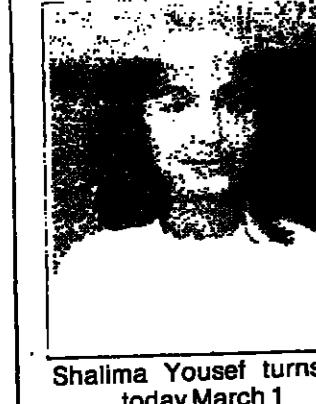
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Crystal Leitac turns 5 today, March 1



Jasleen Kaur turns 10 on March 3



Shalima Yousef turns 9 today March 1



Ayman Singh turns 1 on March 4

## Variety

## Free ..... at last!

By Brian Hollis

WITHDRAWAL of government support for the film industry over the past three years has led to a serious decline in new movie making in Britain, both in terms of wholly British films and foreign films shot on location. As an upshot, the British box office in 1989 was completely dominated by American product.

The one exception among the gloom, was an unlikely winner called *Shirley Valentine*, which stayed near the top of the charts for almost five months. Pauline Collins plays Shirley, a typical Northern housewife approaching middle age, with nothing to look forward to except her husband grousing about getting egg and chips instead of steak and chips for Thursday supper. She has no-one to talk to except her yuppie neighbour who pops off to Brussels for the day, leaving Shirley to mind the dog. By chance her best friend Jane wins a holiday for two in Greece in a magazine competition, and asks Shirley to go along. After initial protests, and without telling her husband, she finally sets off for the Greek islands with an inclusive tour of complaining white-skinned bank clerks, and decides to make the best of it. Seduced by the local taverna owner ("I only want to show you the island — no funny business") played humorously by Tom Conti, she proves remarkably resilient and decides to find a job on the island rather than go back to her boring life in England.

The story in itself is nothing, but it seems to typify the frustrations and yearnings of millions. The title role is perfectly cast as a fading slightly overweight housewife, children grown up, with a sharp sense of humour, but few prospects. And the supporting characters, although parodies, are immediately recognizable in real life. The dry wit and practical approach of Shirley to the ups and downs of the real world, is keenly reminiscent of the sixties heroes of Alan Sillitoe, Keith Waterhouse or Sholagh Delaney, when British film making was at its peak.

Meanwhile, on the other side



Pauline Collins as Shirley Valentine

*I and II* scoring big, it looks as though the lone cop is going out of fashion. To prove the point Sylvester Stallone has teamed up with Kurt Russell in *Tango & Cash*, as two top Los Angeles detectives. The scene is set with the following interchange: "Police officer to Stallone: "Who do you think you are? Rambo? Stallone to policeman: "Rambo.....is a pussy!"

You can guess most of the rest of the story. Tango hates Cash but they are forced to work together when they are framed by Mr Nasty (Jack Palance) and sent to prison together. Do they escape? Do they get their own back on the mob? Of course they do, but at least there's plenty of action and suspense along the way. Intent on covering all angles, the scriptwriters have included a subplot with Stallone's virginal sister falling in love with Russell; only to be kidnapped by the mob. A whole bunch of unlikely situations have been included.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Net, Lulu's Cineplex, meadowbank, and the National Film Board.

of the art, the British film industry is in a state of decline. The title role of Shirley in the 1930s was a 3-foot 9-inch midget. In Killarney, Ireland, at the Eagle's Nest Cave, you will be told that if you sound a bugle note there you will hear it repeated at least a hundred times. The Portuguese Man-o'-War (jelly-fish) is not one single animal but a colony of small animals. Between 1500 and 1600 the stock of precious metals in Europe trebled. The diprotodon (or giant wombat) lived in Australia 500,000 years ago in large numbers. It was the same size as a rhinoceros. In Norway many cottages have grass roofs. Jack the Ripper was left-handed.

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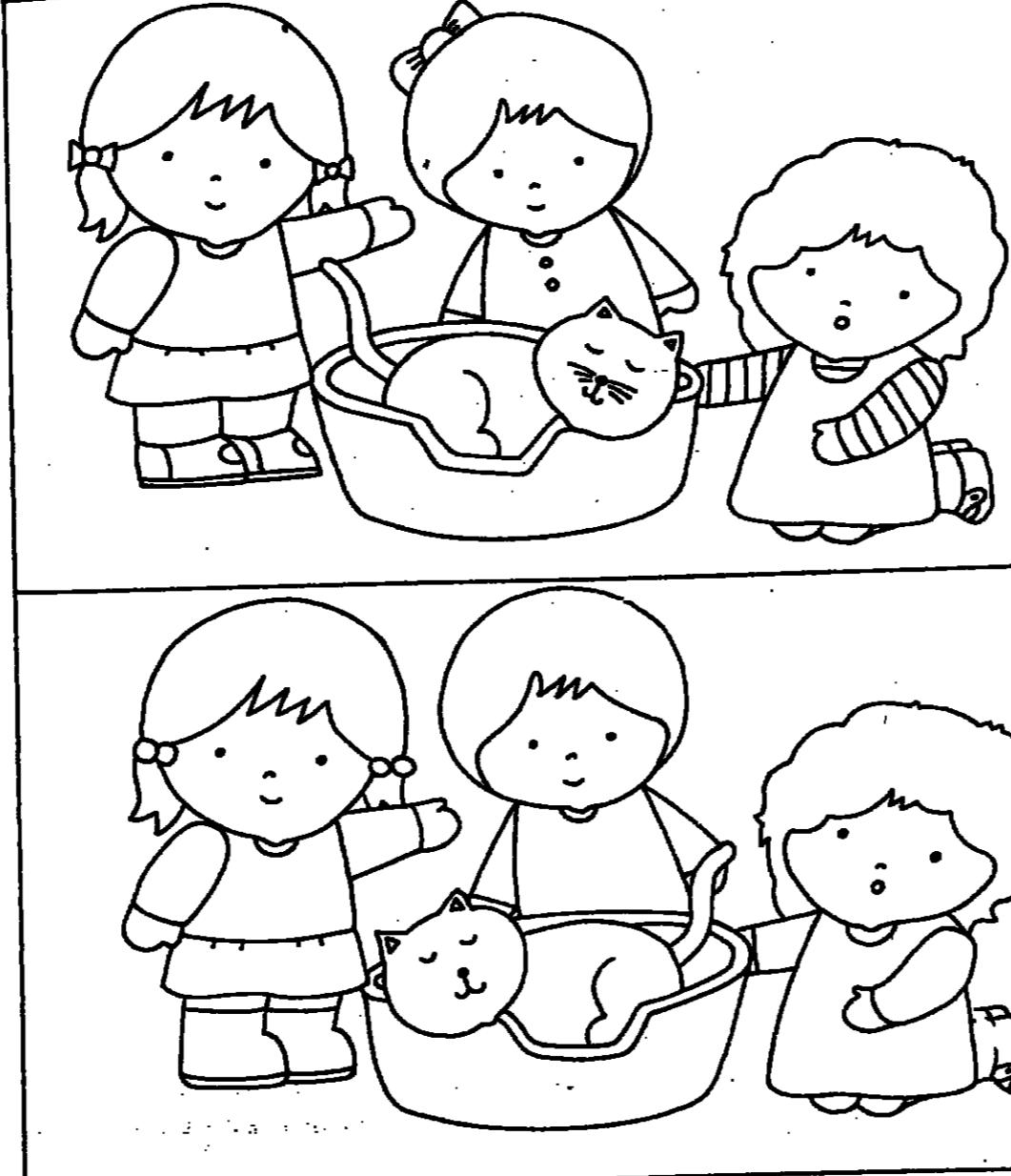
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Draw a circle round each item that is different in the second picture.



## Amazing facts

A gallon of pure water weighs 10 lbs.

In Ancient Egypt princesses wore sets made by binding cloth tightly around their waists.

There are 100,000 hairs in the average human scalp.

A tavern in Neu Isenburg, Germany, is shaped like a large pitcher.

The real Robinson Crusoe who inspired Daniel Defoe to write his famous book, was a Scottish sailor, Alexander Selkirk, who had spent over four years alone on a desert island in the Pacific.

Noel Coward wrote one of his most successful comedies, *Hay Fever*, in three days.

So many languages are spoken in India that many Indians from one part of the country cannot understand their fellow countrymen from another part.

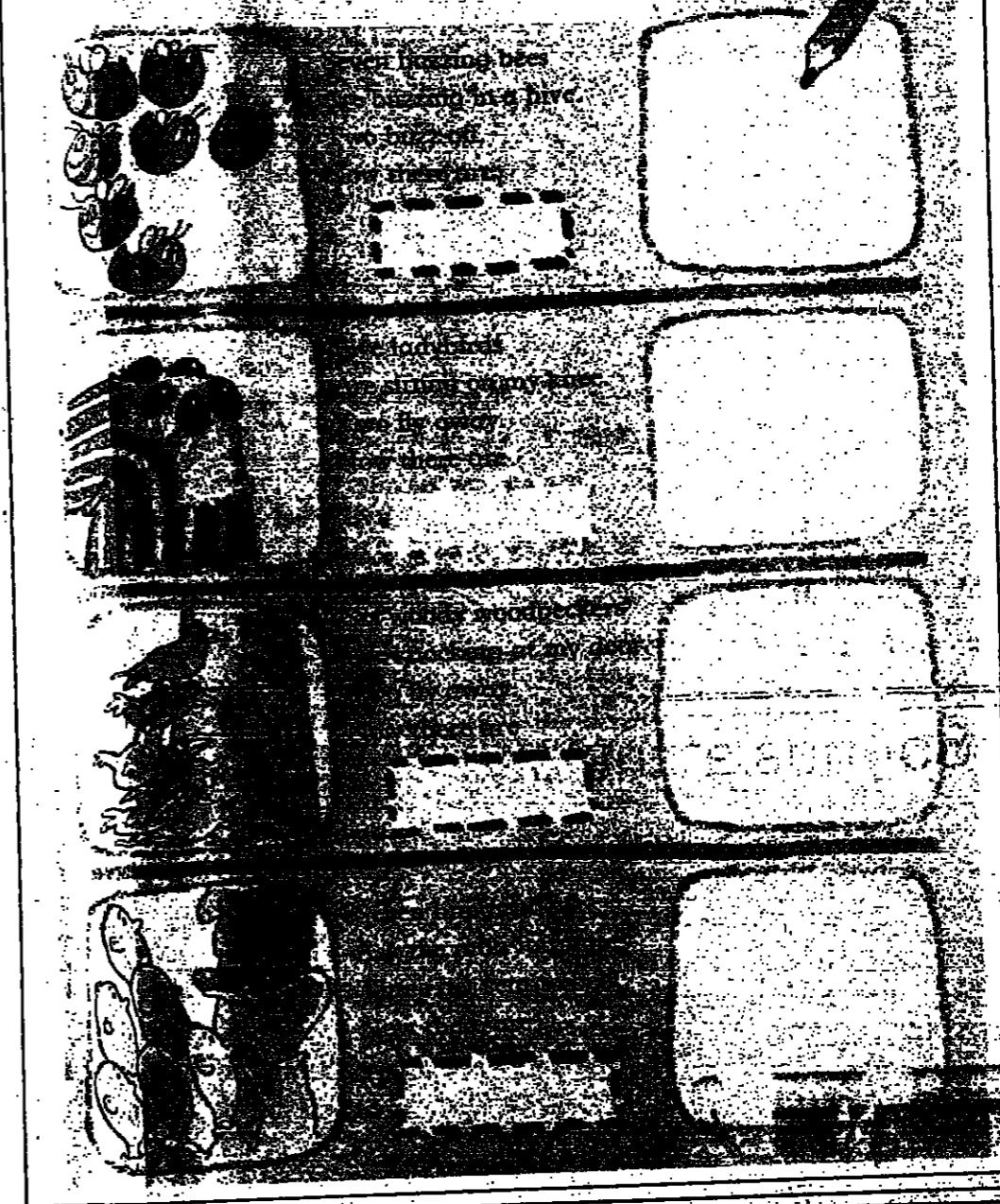
The Chinese words Kung Fu mean 'leisure time.'

Caviar is 30 per cent protein.

The modern jury system was originated by William the Conqueror who set up juries of 12 men in each district to assure honest tax payments.

Women of the Jos Plateau, Togoland, Africa, make known their married status by wearing a small bustle of plaited straw.

## Take — away tales: 2



## On the Record

## Captivating medley of musical notes

Pop  
LAURIE Anderson, *Strange Angels* (Warner Brothers, 922908-2)

Laurie Anderson may have finally realized she has a great voice that is as captivating as the multi-media performance art on stage she is best known for. Her latest work, *Strange Angels*, combines sometimes witty notions of life at the close of the 20th century with powerful musical arrangements enhanced by dynamic vocals.

Not since "Mister Heartbreak," which featured Peter Gabriel on several cuts, has Anderson pursued such a mainstream pop music sound. But Anderson followers aren't complaining. The soothing sounds of the well-produced recording have not taken away from Anderson's reputation for producing think music filled with hidden meanings and ideas that leave the listener searching for his or her own interpretation.

Afro-Latin rhythms, although mostly electronically produced, take *Strange Angels* beyond the realm of dance music. Like David Byrne's recent solo project, Anderson is turning sometimes interesting world music from North America into a multi-cultural genre.

That's not a bad idea for a country that calls itself a melting pot.

Pop-Jazz  
Deborah Henson-Consant, *Caught in the Act* (GRP, GRD-620)

Deborah Henson-Consant sure has helped dash preconceived notions about the role of the harp with her jazz touch and ability to mix it up with a swing-style trio in recent years.

But she is also not about to settle into a groove, either. *Caught in the Act*, her second major label recording, breaks out of the jazz category in more of a pop direction — some would call it contemporary jazz.

There is very little improvisation involved here, aside from Henson-Consant's solo rendition of "Green Sleeves," though the session does have its swinging moments, as on "Night of the Rover."

You may have avoided *Manfred* on the theory that if it were any good it would be played as often as the symphonies with numbers. Big mistake. Its themes grab you from the first, yet they also wear well. Its orchestra is rich and satisfying.

Several new recordings of *Manfred* have become available, but none improves on this bargain-priced masterpiece offering. No part of the symphony is quiet enough for the arranger master to be able to play it.

Meanwhile, the *Manfred* tour continues, including a stop at the Royal Albert Hall on March 11.



## 'Musicares'

## Tuning into anti-drug message

LOS ANGELES. (UPI): David Crosby is out of jail, working hard to stay sober, the bad boys of Aerosmith are off the needle and crowing about it in the pop magazines and Dallas Taylor has publicly confessed he's dying of liver disease from years of substance abuse.

The anthem is slowly changing in a world of ritual excesses where drug and alcohol abuse have claimed the lives and careers of many talented performers.

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the industry organization that is host to music's highest awards, the Grammys, is out to encourage a metamorphosis with the industry's first health and welfare foundation and a mass anti-drug public service campaign.

Crosby, the veteran member of Buffalo Springfield and various incarnations of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, shattered his career with drugs and landed in prison on cocaine charges. He and other recording stars with first-hand substance abuse experience — including 1990 Grammy Award-winner Bonnie Raitt, Eddie Money, Kris Kristofferson and Brian Wilson — are participating in a mass billboard campaign to steer young fans off the path of drug and alcohol abuse.

"We want to keep people from having to go through what we went through," Crosby says.

The advice, "stay smart and don't start," beams down from a larger-than-life picture of a survivor.

Soon, more than 7,500 billboards will go up in 50 US markets, thanks to a partnership between the US Office for Substance Abuse, the Academy and the Entertainment Industries Council. Outdoor advertising companies are donating the signs.

Participation in such a campaign is something new from an industry blamed for glorifying drugs in lyrics and by example.

"We owe it to those 6- to 24-year-olds who look at musicians as role models," said Academy President Mike Greene of the New "Musicares" Foundation and the Billboard Campaign.

"I think there is a real responsibility if you are predisposed to talk to those people through your lyrics or billboards. Our industry has to talk about the realities of being in music and about the realities of drugs to these kids."

For many musicians are watching their careers go up in smoke.

waking up, Greene says.

"There are enough people that are seeing the ravages firsthand of that type of abusive behaviour," Greene says. "We're the first generation to bear witness to it, and if we're supposed to be an enlightened society, we're supposed to learn from history."

## Warning

One of the billboards bearing rock star's warning and a toll-free drug hotline number went up along the fabled Sunset Strip recently at a ceremony attended by such artists as Rapper Foster Sylvers and Hy Tech and members of House of Lords and Oingo Boingo.

Elaine Johnson, director of the Federal Substance Abuse Programme, hopes the rock stars' message reaches inner-city and high-risk youth.

"Many of these young people have been turned off by the traditional health systems, and so do not generally receive or attend to health messages delivered by physicians, parents, teachers or clergy," she says.

Crosby, who along with Paul Shaffer, Gloria Estefan and Young McWill appear on some of the billboards, believes the warning will hit home for some hard-to-reach youngsters.

"When I talk to kids I don't have to establish my credentials; they know who I am and they know what I did," he says.

"This is the very gradual erosion of peer pressure," Greene says. "It's something which has become a lifestyle for kids in the country and it's not going to change overnight."

"Being different and being rebellious are inherent in the rock 'n' roll lifestyle, but one of the things Bonnie Raitt said is that you don't have to conform to go straight off of substances," Greene says.

"She made it quite clear she'll be just as bad, just as anti-establishment as she has been before, but there wasn't any reason to kill herself in the process."

From the jazz era to rap, great artists have ruined their health and lost fortunes to drugs. Greene, whose father was a big-band leader, says he realized the industry needed a support foundation after he helped raise money for the late big-band leader Woody Herman, who died in 1987.

For many musicians are watching their careers go up in smoke.

elements is the instrumental rapport between Henson-Consant's harp (a standard concert harp and a hand-held solo harp that looks like a Greek guitar) and Jinda's exotic percussion.

Country  
The Highwaymen, *Highwaymen II* (Columbia, 45240)

The first album released by the Highwaymen in 1985 went platinum. And the group, composed of Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson, is now out with a follow-up. And this time the four country veterans will tour together to back this release.

The music on this effort is disappointing overall. Two stories high, peimed by Nelson, is an exception. It's a superior quality tune about life being too long to worry about and too short to cry about.

*Angels love bad men*, co-written by Jennings and Roger Murrah, is another better than average song. It's hard to see what the Highwaymen are getting at with this non-distinctive music. But then, the music on the first album wasn't very good either and it went platinum.

Classical  
Michael Tilson-Thomson, London Symphony, Tchaikovsky: *Manfred Symphony* (CBS, Masterworks 36073)

Tchaikovsky wrote six numbered symphonies — three delightful early ones and three emotional, acclaimed late ones.

But between the 4th and 5th symphonies he also wrote *Manfred*, and why people don't count this with the others is hard to figure. It's programmatic (story-telling) but so what? His numbered symphonies are descriptive, too. And *Manfred* is raised with the right number of movements and the right mix of tempos to fit the most conventional idea of symphony.

You may have avoided *Manfred* on the theory that if it were any good it would be played as often as the symphonies with numbers. Big mistake. Its themes grab you from the first, yet they also wear well. Its orchestra is rich and satisfying.

Several new recordings of *Manfred* have become available, but none improves on this bargain-priced masterpiece offering. No part of the symphony is quiet enough for the arranger master to be able to play it.

Meanwhile, the *Manfred* tour continues, including a stop at the Royal Albert Hall on March 11.

LAUGH IT

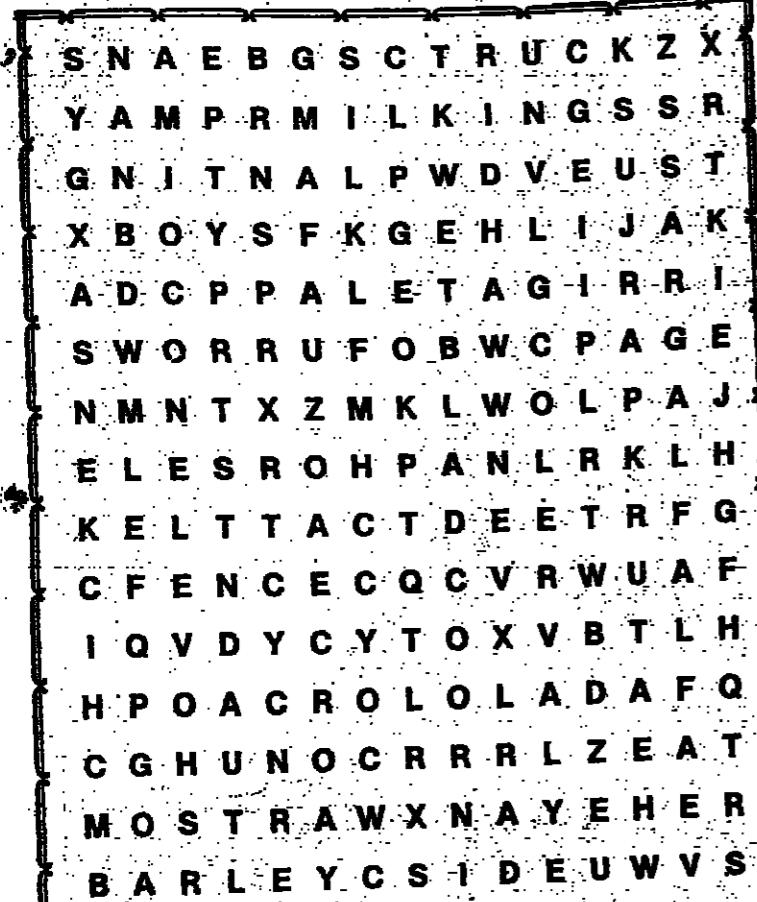
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## A DAY ON THE FARM

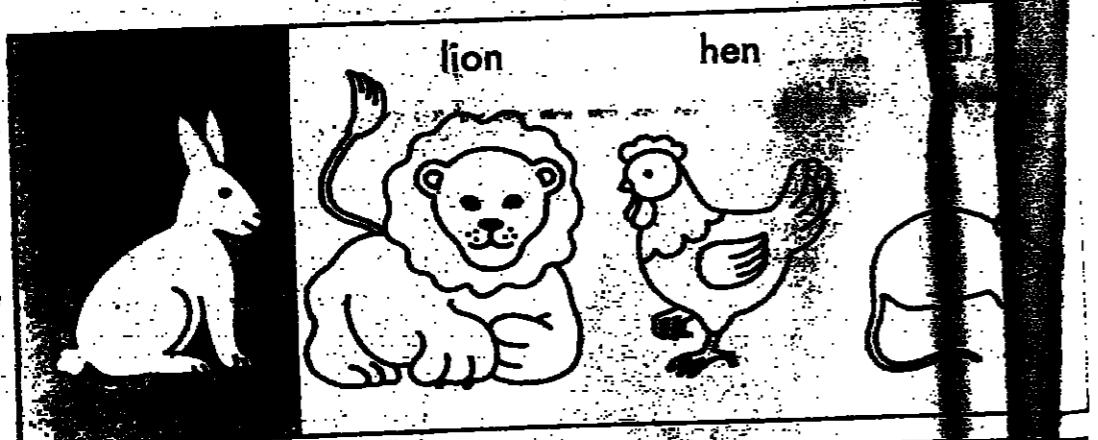
Fill the boxes, plot the fields, collect the eggs! Life on a farm is not always work and down-to-dust days aren't unusual. Let's grab a pencil and find 20 farm activities.

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BALES	COWS	HAY	PUMP	WHEAT
BARLEY	DISC	HORSE	RAKE	
BARN	DOG	IRRIGATE	ROOT CELLAR	
BEANS	EARLY	MILKING	SEED	
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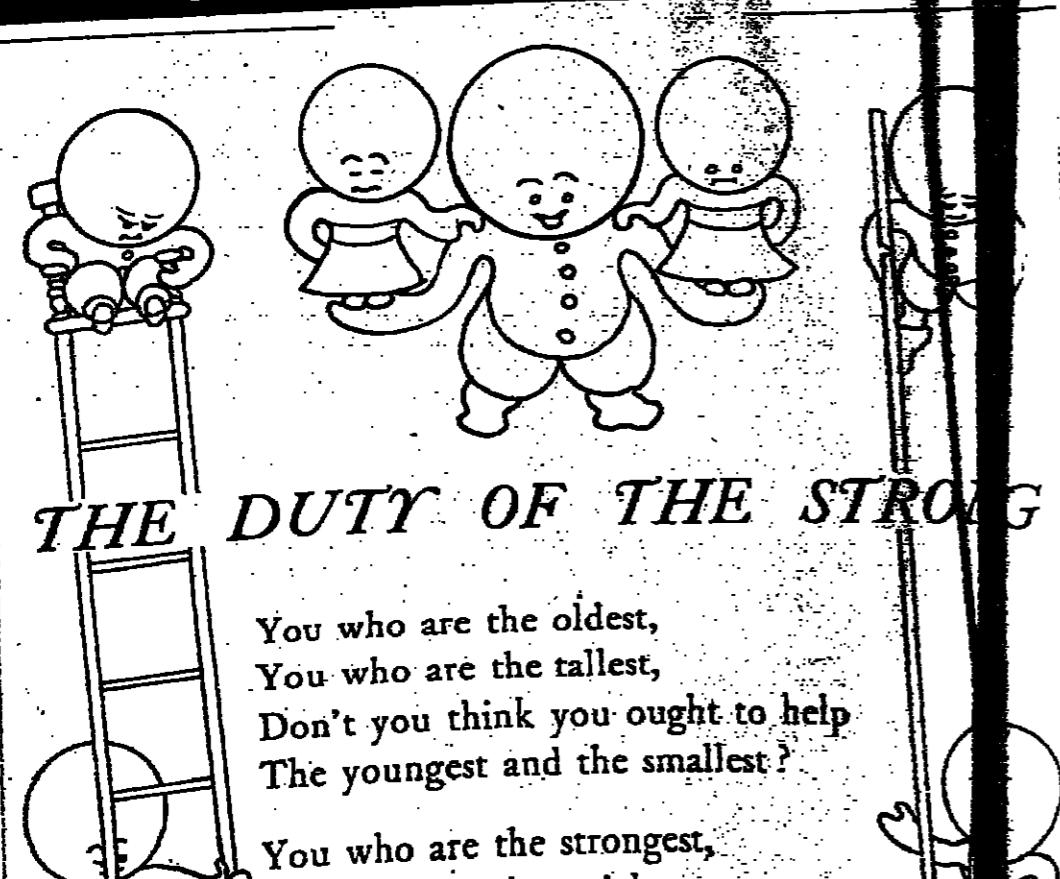


## Sounds at the beginning of words

Look carefully at the animal in the box. Say its name. Now look at the animal in the group which starts with the same sound as the one in the box.



## The Goops again



You who are the oldest,  
You who are the tallest,  
Don't you think you ought to help  
The youngest and the smallest?

You who are the strongest,  
You who are the quickest,  
Don't you think you ought to help  
The weakest and the sickest?

Never mind the trouble,  
Help them all you can;  
Be a little woman!  
Be a little man!



## Dear Junior readers,

Most of you know what goals are in football, but have you thought about goals in other ways?

Goals are things that we want to accomplish. Some people set long-term goals that they hope to accomplish in five or ten years, sometimes longer, and others set goals that they hope to reach within a week or even a day.

Setting goals helps you to organise your time by knowing the exact thing you want to have done within a certain period of time. For example, as a student you may have daily goals of completing your home work, reading for 45 minutes, memorising parts of your favourite book or poem and cleaning your room.

You might have things that you want to finish before the week is completed, and many of you have already started thinking about what you want to do when you finish your studies and are preparing now for that long-term goal.

Try organising your time by writing down your daily and weekly goals. Check them at the end of the day and week and see how much you have accomplished.

Manal

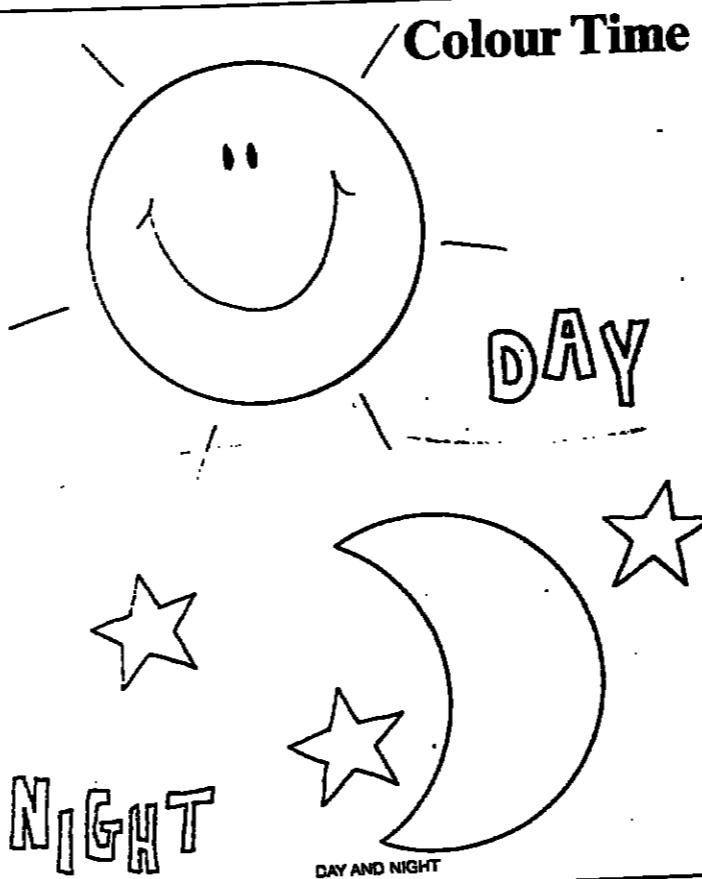
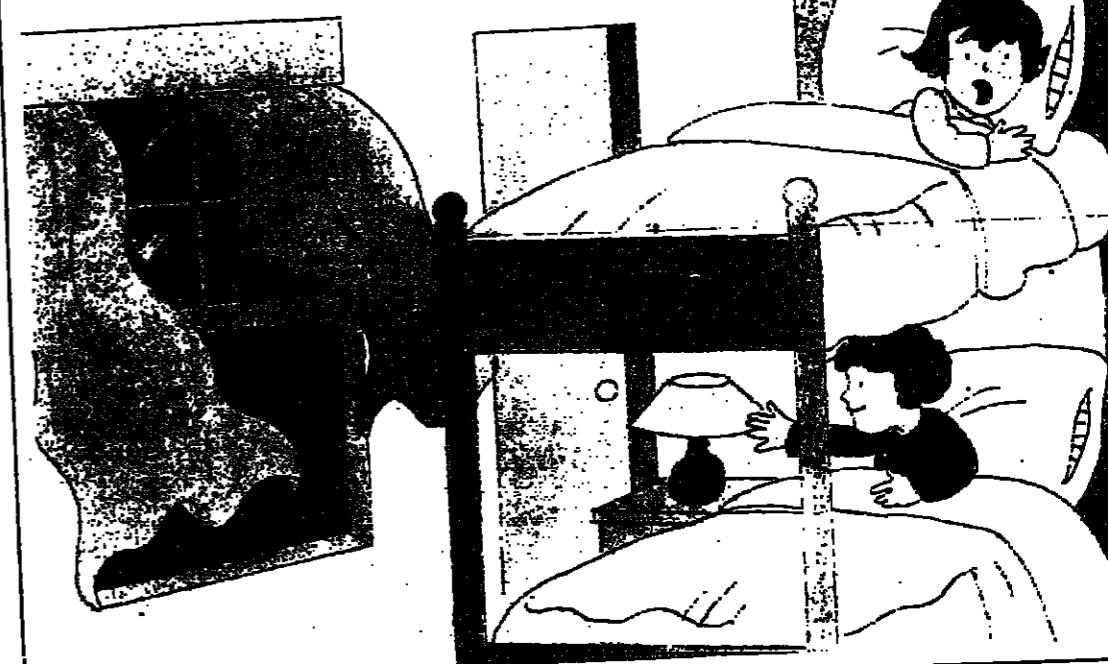
## Questions you'd like to ask

## Why do I get scared in the dark?

Because you can't see in the dark, you start imagining things that aren't there. A curtain fluttering at the window becomes a ghost floating in the air, and a creaky door becomes the step of a monster. Turn on the light and you'll see that everything is just the same as it was before you turned off the light.

## How can I help someone who is afraid?

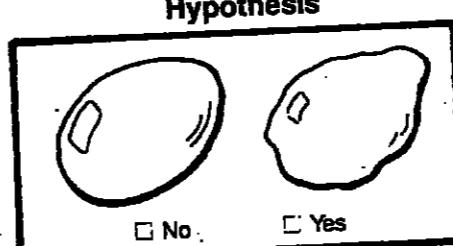
Comfort and try to reassure the person. The fear is very real, even if the monster in the wardrobe isn't.



## Acid Action

Water sometimes mixes with other elements to make a weak ACID. Acid can wear away rock by eating away at the minerals in some kinds of rock. This changes the rock's hardness.

Can a weak acid like vinegar eat away the mineral calcium in an eggshell and make the eggshell soft? Color your answer.



Materials Needed: raw egg, vinegar, small cup

## Procedure

- Carefully place a raw egg in a small, clear cup.
- Pour vinegar over the egg until the egg is completely covered.
- Wait two days. Do not touch the egg.
- Draw a picture and write some words to tell what happened to the egg after two days in vinegar.



Vinegar Egg

## Results and Conclusions

- Did the vinegar eat away the hardness of the eggshell?
- Is that what you thought would happen?
- What did you learn?

## What comes next?

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S M T W T  
1 3 6 10 15  
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## Kasparov loses in 54 moves

LINARES, Spain, Feb 28, (AP): Boris Gulko beat world chess champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union yesterday in an eight round match in the Linares International Chess Tournament.

Gulko, playing whites, defeated Kasparov in 54 moves.

After his defeat Kasparov shared first place in the standings with fellow Soviet Boris Gelfand, who defeated Boris Spassky of France.

Gulko is a US citizen who was born in the Soviet Union.

In other games yesterday, Miguel Illegas of Spain defeated Arthur Yusupov of the Soviet Union, and Lajos Portisch of Hungary defeated Nigel Short of Britain.

Valery Salov of the Soviet Union drew his match with Vasily Ivanchuk of the Soviet, and Alexander Beljavsky of the Soviet Union also drew with Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia.

Kasparov and Gelfand have six points each, followed by Salov with 5.5, short and Ivanchuk with 4.5, Beljavsky with four, Gulko and Yusupov with 3.5, Illegas, Portisch and Spassky with 2.5 and Ljubojevic with two.

SEVILLE, Spain, Feb 28, (Reuter): Britain's Peter Elliott shaved more than a second off the world indoor 1,500 metres record at an international athletics meeting yesterday.

Elliott ran three minutes 34.21 seconds to break the previous record of 3:35.60 set by Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan in New Jersey just over a year ago.

Elliott, Olympic silver medallist and Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres champion, was helped by American Kent Washington who set a fast pace in the first 800 metres.

When Elliott broke free he quickly went 10 metres ahead of his field and at the finish had more than two and half seconds to spare over second-placed Herve Philippeau of France.

Said Aouita won his second 3,000 metres in four days, passing Sydney Maree of the United States in the last 150 metres and win in 7:45.14, more than four slower than his winning time in Stockholm last Saturday.

American Johnny Gray set another year's best in the 800 metres, clocking 1:45.64.

Jamaica's Merlene Ottey won the 200 metres in 22.77 seconds and went on to register a season best 7.15 seconds in the 60 metres.

Sergei Bubka of the Soviet



Peter Elliott shows his effort in his face as he approaches the finish line. (Reuter wirephoto)

Union won the pole vault event with 5.92 metres, this season's best performance, but he failed to break his own world record of 6.05 and did not clear 6.05 metres after three tries.



Elliott waves from the podium after his victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

Javier Garcia Chico of Spain was second with 5.67 and Philippe Collet of France was third with 5.62.

Robson da Silva of Brazil won the 200 metres in 20.82. Second was Cayetano Corret of Spain in 21.16 and third was Floyd Heard of the United States in 21.17.

Calvin Smith of the United States, former world record-holder in 100-metre dash and bronze medallist in the 100 at Seoul Olympics, won the 60-metre dash in 6.59.

More than \$2.2 million in cash and benefits will be available to American track and field athletes this season under eight separate payment programmes, the Athletics Congress announced yesterday.

United States won the 60-metre dash in 6.59.

Roger Kingdom of the United States, two-time Olympic champion in the 110-metre hurdles and world indoor champion in

The largest programme, totalling \$720,000, involves monthly stipends ranging from \$280 to \$830. The top amount will go to athletes who won individual medals in international World Cup competition last year or who were ranked in the top five in the world during the 1989 season.

Athletes who were ranked 6-10

in the world will receive \$500 a month; those who won National

Outdoor Championships but

were not World Cup medal win-

ners or ranked among the top 10

will get \$330 a month. National

outdoor runner-up and the top-

ranked Americans not included

in any other categories will

receive \$280 a month.

Funding for the programme

comes from the general operat-

ing budget of TAC, the govern-

ing body for track and field in the

United States, and the US Olym-

pic Committee's athlete subsi-

dence programme. Athletes par-

ticipating in this programme

must agree to compete in the US

Outdoor Track and Field Cham-

pionships and two national team

competitions if selected.

Athletes with NCAA eligi-

bility remaining will not receive

payments until after the NCAA

Championship meets. The initial

list of eligible athletes includes 99

men and 61 women.

## Kilikiti replaces cricket in Pacific

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 28, (Reuter): It's just not cricket, purists would murmur, but Kilikiti is colourful, action-packed and can be used in fighting tribal warfare.

In this Pacific game, cricket's standard white cricket flannels are replaced with colourful lavalavas (skirts worn by men or women) and the traditional English village green setting is swapped for a dusty south Pacific island community.

Batsmen wield long triangular devices made from the fäu tree rather than the traditional willow bat and the conventional leather ball is replaced by a hard, smaller rubber ball.

"We don't play with the straight bat approved at Lords (the hallowed centre of cricket in London) but the result can be a bit more spectacular," said Sefita Haouli, director of a recent Kilikiti tournament in Auckland.

New Zealand's biggest city, where 90 per cent of the population of almost one million are Pacific islanders, hosts the international competition annually.

Rules vary in Tonga, the Samoan Islands, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands and Tokelau where Kilikiti is played, but they have been standardised for the Auckland tournament.

In independent Western Samoa and neighbouring American Samoa, teams may comprise a whole village. Up to 120 people per side can play up from the traditional 11 — and rules are negotiated before play begins.

Missionaries introduced cricket late last century and islanders soon adapted it to pacific conditions with gusto. In Samoa and Tonga Kilikiti became so popular during the 1930s and 40s it had to be restricted because work was forgotten.

The Maori at the time complained that everyone was playing cricket so much the plantations were neglected. "They played a lot on it and they could only play on it Wednesday," said Haouli, a Tongan.

"Particularly in Samoa, they say missionaries used the game to replace inter-tribal warfare. It was a competition that didn't require any head counts afterwards."

One legendary game in American Samoa in 1981 took nine days and the result is still in dispute.

"In the end the ball was lodged in a coconut tree and some people climbed the tree while the winning runs were made. There was no provision for that situation in the understanding today people still argue whether the batsman was caught out or not."

"In Kilikiti games are quick — 40 minutes batting per side — colourful and frantic."

Conventional cricket's blocking shots, in which the batsman merely defends his wicket but makes no attempt to score runs, are anathema to Kilikiti.

"The idea is to hit the ball or wicket. There's no fun just blocking," said spectator Mairi Smith, one of Auckland's 60,000 Samoan residents, and part of a crowd of several thousand watching the tournament.

Purists might also disapprove of the co-ordinated whistling, chanting and dancing by the fielding side in Kilikiti. But those distractions for the batsmen are often drowned out by the singing, clapping and shouting of the crowd.

The game is usually played for money or a prize. In the Cook Islands they might negotiate that the losers fish for the winners for three days, Haouli said.

Women play it as avidly as men although the rules are slightly different. Women may bowl underarm and have 22 per side against 20 men under Auckland tournament rules.

Marina Schaafhausen, said the tournament is good for Kilikiti which is struggling in her native Western Samoa.

## Southampton rout Norwich

LONDON, Feb 28, (Reuter): Matthew le Tissier enhanced his chances of winning an England cap by scoring a second half hat-trick in Southampton's 4-1 English First Division soccer win over Norwich yesterday.

Norwich, leading through Martin Allen's goal at halftime, were unable to cope with Le Tissier's expertise after the break. He scored in the 55th, 60th and 85th minutes to take his tally for the season to 19.

Champions Arsenal could have done with Le Tissier's sharpness near the goal in their goalless draw with bottom club Charlton.

Arsenal, nine points adrift of First Division leaders Aston Villa, rarely threatened to break the deadlock.

Meanwhile, the Argentine forward yesterday underwent treatment by his personal doctor Ruben Olivo to heal recurrent back pains.

Maradona's absence coincided with Napoli's 1-3 defeat against Inter in Sunday's championship action. The loss dropped the Neapolitan team two points behind League leader AC Milan in the overall standings.

## Hateley out

PARIS, Feb 28, (Reuter): Monaco's English striker Mark Hateley was to undergo surgery to his left ankle in London today and be out for action for at least two months, the French side said yesterday.

Hateley, injured after scoring in Sunday's 2-2 draw with French champions Marseille, is suffering from torn ligaments.

"We will only know afterwards how long it will take for his recovery, but we expect him to be out of action for at least two months or even more," said Monaco's technical Manager Henri Bianchi.

Hateley was plagued by injury for seven months last year.

The official outlet for match tickets is the Organisation 90 Tour which sells them as part of holiday packages. All others are sold through a leading Italian bank or national soccer federations.

Quadrino said tourists might find themselves in the same part of the grounds as fans from other countries leading to violence.

The Italian organising committee's Mario Quadrino told a news conference the biggest problem was in Latin America and Spain, where one particular private tour operator was involved. He refused to name the company.

"We are very, very concerned...we do not know where the tickets could have come from," Quadrino said.

Fearing violence at the matches in June and July, organisers have tried all ways of preventing black market ticket sales so that hooligans with a record can be kept away.

The official organisation has already sold 90 billion lire (\$72 million) worth of tourist packages and expect to sell 40 billion lire (\$32 million) worth more by the end of April.

Guido Tognoni, Fifa International Football Federation, press chief, issued a similar warning against illegal sales and said only 90 tour had the right to sell.

He played alongside Michel Platini, Alain Giresse and Jean Tigana in a French midfield considered to be among the greatest of modern times.

## Fernandez reinstated

CANNES, France, Feb 28, (Reuter): French international midfielder Luis Fernandez was reinstated yesterday by his club Cannes after a row with his coach but is unlikely to play soon with the First Division side, club sources said.

Fernandez, a member of the superb French midfield quartet which won the 1984 European Championship and reached the semi-final of the 1986 World Cup, was last Friday banned from play by trainer Jean Fernandez, who is no relation, for "conducting" misbehavior.

Cannes' board, which met on Monday, asked Fernandez to formally apologise to his coach and he did apologise yesterday but had been told to train with the club's third team.

He would therefore not be available for the French League First Division side for the time being.

Fernandez joins last summer after a year out of the game because of injury and a dispute with his previous club, Matra Racing.

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## Documents bind Douglasto Don King

LAS VEGAS, Feb 28, (AP): Court documents show that new heavyweight champ Buster Douglas gave Don King the right to promote all his title fights if he beat Mike Tyson and promotional rights for another two years once he loses the title.

Douglas agreed to the terms in a Dec 27, 1988 contract that gave him a \$25,000 signing fee and a promised fight with Tyson, according to documents on file in US district court here.

The contract binds the new heavyweight champion exclusively to King for three years "with an automatic extension to cover all fights should you win the title," plus an additional two years after that.

The contract — and a second pact that covers the Tyson fight itself — were filed as part of a suit by Douglas and the Mirage Hotel-casino, who are seeking to have them declared invalid so Douglas can sign a \$60 million, two-fight pact with the resort.

Also filed was a letter from King's attorney, Robert Hirth, to Mirage operator Steve Wynn, warning that interference with any of the contracts "will not be tolerated."

Attorneys for Douglas claim the contracts are illegal because Nevada law does not allow promoters to tie up boxes with options on future fights. They also contend that King breached the contracts by not acting in good faith when he protested the results of the Douglas-Tyson fight earlier this month.

"It would be very bad for the state of Nevada as well as Mr Douglas to have these kind of contracts... enforced," said Stan Hunterton, Douglas' attorney.

According to the first contract Douglas signed with King, the fighter was to be given four fights between Feb 25, 1989, and Feb 25, 1990, with a Tyson bout occurring before Feb 25, 1990.

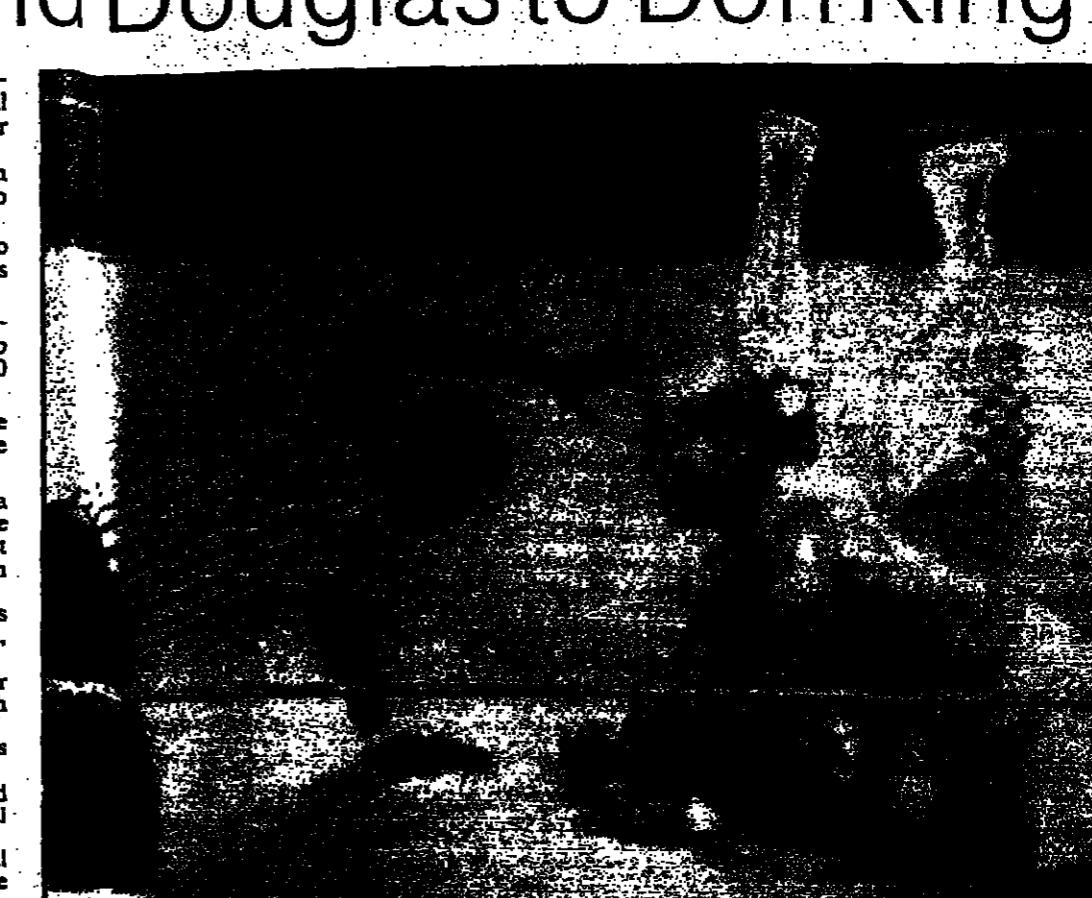
Douglas was promised a minimum of \$25,000 plus \$10,000 expenses for each non-title bout, only two actually were held.

If Douglas won a title during the life of the contract, the pact called for "automatic extension to cover all title defenses, plus an additional two years after he lost the title."

Douglas' contract to fight Tyson in Tokyo gave King the additional right to promote his next three fights if he won the title, provided he exercised his option to do so within 30 days of the win.

Douglas was paid \$1.3 million to fight Tyson, in addition to 10 round-trip airline tickets to Japan and hotel rooms and meals for his entourage.

King agreed to pay Douglas a minimum of \$1 million for each title defense he made if he beat Tyson, with the actual purse to be negotiated.



Douglas (left) officiating a World Wrestling Federation title bout between Hulk Hogan and Macho Man Randy Savage recently. Hulk Hogan won that fight.

## Aouita scores 2nd 3,000m victory in four days

## Elliott breaks world 1,500m indoor record



Peter Elliott shows his effort in his face as he approaches the finish line. (Reuter wirephoto)

Union won the pole vault event with 5.92 metres, this season's best performance, but he failed to break his own world record of 6.05 and did not clear 6.05 metres after three tries.

## SPORTS

## NFL expands length of new season

NEW YORK, Feb 28, (Reuters): The National Football League yesterday said it will add pre-season games in West Germany and Canada this year and expand the length of its 16-game schedule to provide off-weeks for teams during the regular season.

Under the new format, the 1990 and 1991 seasons will be played over 17 weeks, giving each team one open weekend. That will be further expanded to 16 games over 18 weeks in 1992 and 1993, giving teams two open weekends.

The League also announced it would add two more games to its American Bowl series that had previously consisted of pre-season contests in England and Japan.

The first NFL game in Germany will be played on August 11 between the Los Angeles Rams and the Kansas City Chiefs in either Berlin or Frankfurt, Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

"One of the exciting prospects of the NFL in the 1990s is helping to develop international interest in the game of (American) football," Tagliabue said.

On August 5, the American Bowl series returns to Tokyo, where the Denver Broncos will face the Seattle Seahawks, and to London for a fifth successive year, where the Los Angeles Raiders will play the New Orleans Saints.

Montreal has also been added to the pre-season schedule. The Pittsburgh Steelers will play the New England Patriots there on August 9.

Next season will begin as planned on September 9, and the 25th Super Bowl will take place as scheduled on January 27 in Tampa, Florida. However, to allow for the new format, there will be an off-weekend between the conference championship game and the Super Bowl.

## Snowden and Seward help Casuals win

CASUALS Cricket Club upset CCK when they comfortably beat them at Ahmad on Friday.

Batting first, CCK were soon suffering at the hands of Richard Snowden, whose recent run of fine form shows no signs of slowing. Zahoor was his first victim in a miserly spell which produced 2 wickets from 8 overs for just 31 runs.

At the other end Adi Selvaranam said a return to the form which made him one of the most respected bowlers in the League, and CCK made a slow start. With a change of bowling the CCK batsmen began to build up their score.

Amanullah (34), Rakesh (39), Fazal (29) and Faisal (23) all made significant contributions to an eventual total of 180. Ron Seward claimed 3 wickets during his spell, to add to his growing haul for the season.

In reply, Casuals opted for the new partnership of Kevin Wells and John Arton-Powell (20). For the former it was a welcome return to match action after a prolonged spell of injury. The pair showed their intention early with a spell of picking up ones and twos off almost every ball.

The score rose rapidly to 50 off 8 overs before JAP was adjudged run out after some debate as to whether the wicket-keeper had made contact with the stumps.

Skippers Simon Clements made a brief visit to the crease before being dismissed off the spin of Rifaat. This allowed the entry of Ron Seward but the run rate had dropped slightly below the asking rate during this spell and Wells, in an effort to ease the position, began more adventurous hitting before being given out bowled for 42 off the bowling of Rakesh.

CCK may have regretted this however as Casuals went in Adi Selvaranam to push things on. Adi completed his day of wickets and catches by blasting a rapid 46 not out. His aggression allowed Seward to settle into his own style of play by picking up ones and twos off almost every ball.

Casuals had struck 178 in CCK's 28 overs and so were easily declared winners by the faster run rate. For CCK Faisal's 6 wickets for 34 runs was probably the most consistent bowling.

## Clemente sacked

MADRID, Feb 28, (Reuters): Atletico Madrid sacked coach Javier Clemente yesterday after a weekend defeat by Osasuna left them eight points behind Spanish First Division leaders Real Madrid.

Atletico cannot be satisfied with the second, club president Jesus Gil told a news conference.

"Clemente and I are no longer together," Gil said. "I would have liked to end the season with all 11 games left," Gil, who has been in charge since the beginning of the year, said. "But some in the club may not be satisfied."

Gil said he had not yet decided on a replacement for

## Lendl returns home for first time in six years

PRAGUE, Feb 28, (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl returned to his native Czechoslovakia for the first time for six years yesterday to play an exhibition tennis match against compatriot Milos Mecir.

Lendl, who won 6-4 3-6 6-2 before a crowd of 14,000, was invited back to his

homeland by the Civic Forum Movement which spearheaded the political opposition that swept Czechoslovakia's communist rulers from power late last year.

Civic Forum asked Lendl to play Mecir to raise money for a children's hospital in Prague.

"I wanted to express my support for the changes in Czechoslovakia since November," Lendl told a news conference.

"What was ruined in the last 40 years cannot be changed instantly ... but the atmosphere here is very different now. People are enthusiastic about the chan-

ges, they are much more open."

Lendl, who has lived in Connecticut since 1984, hopes to become a US citizen in April 1992.

He ruled out returning to Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup team — which he last played for in 1985 before a

trip with Czechoslovak authorities — in the meantime.

"It would not be correct to play against the country whose citizen I plan to become in two years," Lendl said. "It wouldn't be fair to those who helped me circumvent the waiting time for citizen-

## BKME triumph twice

THE Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East registered two victories over the weekend. First they beat Hubara in the Jashash Friday League by a huge margin of 124 runs and then crushed Kokan by five wickets in the semifinal of the Goodyear Cup, sponsored by Abdul Hadi Al Majlis.

Against Hubara, at the KOC New Grounds, BKME batting first piled up a huge total of 224 for 5 wickets. Their innings was built around a fine opening partnership of 134 between Ashfaq and Salim. Ashfaq, who has been in superb form, looked set for his first hundred when he missed a Shipton delivery which left his stumps in shambles. His innings of 82 came off only 52 balls and included 10 fours and 2 sixes.

Salim at the other end went on to score 77 off 78 deliveries with 4 fours. He was involved in another fruitful partnership of 60 with Mahmoud Bastaki for the third wicket. Bastaki contributed 32 with 3 fours.

Talbot was the most successful bowler for Hubara with 2 wickets, while Shipton and Boldy claimed a wicket each.

Hubara, facing an imposing target, lost Talbot in the second over of Tariq. They kept losing wickets at regular intervals and were soon all out for 100. Only Shipton with 30 and Rao with 27 faced the BKME bowlers with any confidence.

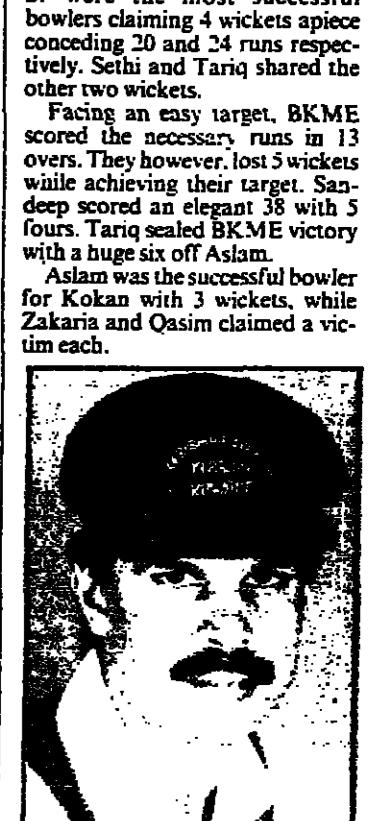
For BKME, Tariq, Ronnie Sr, and Sandeep claimed 2 wickets each while Ronnie Jr and Sethi shared the other wickets.

In the semifinals of the Goodyear Trophy, played at the Riqqa Grounds, against Kokan, BKME emerged winners by 5 wickets. Kokan won the toss and decided to bat first with openers Majed and Iqbal. Majed was bowled off the second delivery from Salim. Kokan never recovered from this early shock and they kept losing wickets regularly to end their innings for a paltry 90 runs. Major contributions came from Abir with 25 not out while Zakaria and Aslam chipped in with 15 and 14 respectively.

For BKME, Salim and Ronnie Sr were the most successful bowlers claiming 4 wickets apiece conceding 20 and 24 runs respectively. Sethi and Tariq shared the other two wickets.

Facing an easy target, BKME scored the necessary runs in 13 overs. They however, lost 5 wickets while achieving their target. Sandeep scored an elegant 38 with 5 fours. Tariq sealed BKME victory with a huge six off Aslam.

Aslam was the successful bowler for Kokan with 3 wickets, while Zakaria and Qasim claimed a victim each.



## Navratilova wins easily

## Sukova tames Javer



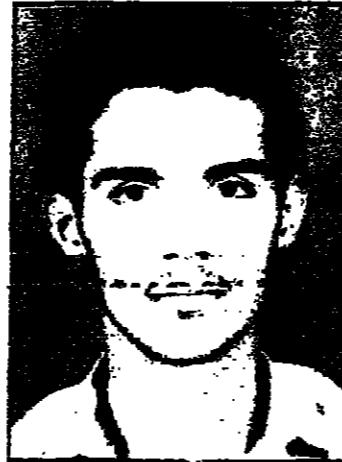
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## Awami move into final

## Rams defeat Bombay



Daniel: three for 23



Khalid: five wickets

THREE matches of the Radi Moshamed Marad Cricket Tournament were played over the week.

In the first game at the Salimiyah Ground, Rams defeated Bombay Youth by four wickets. In the second match Castrol thrashed Salimiyah by six wickets while in the third, Bombay Youth beat Sialkot by three wickets.

Sialkot gained some measure of revenge when they beat Castrol on Sunday in a friendly after their defeat at the hands of the same club on Friday.

In the first game, Bombay Youth won the toss and opted to bat. They managed to put on 127 runs in 23 overs with Quaiser hitting 37, Amin 27 and Yaqoub 20. Rams' Francis took two wickets.

Rams got the required runs in the same number of overs but lost only six wickets. Derrick was the top scorer with 28 while Agustine hit 20 and Vijay and Benjamin 19 each. Shanker took three wickets for Bombay Youth.

Sialkot scored 139 runs against Castrol but the latter scored the required runs for the loss of only four wickets with captain John hitting 59, David 25 and Norbert 24.

Earlier on Victor Daniel had caused Sialkot's collapse by taking three wickets for 29 runs in five overs.

The second game rapidly to 50 off 8 overs before JAP was adjudged run out after some debate as to whether the wicket-keeper had made contact with the stumps.

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# Michael Holding plays key role in Malcolm's success

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb 28. (Reuter): Former West Indies pace bowler Michael Holding was the inspiration behind Devon Malcolm's striking contribution towards England's mastery of the West Indies in the first cricket Test.

Malcolm took four wickets, including the scalp of Viv Richards for the second time in the match, on Monday

to fire England to the brink of their first Test victory over West Indies for 16 years.

West Indies, unbeaten at Sabina Park since 1955, went into the fourth day after yesterday's rest day only 29 runs ahead with two second innings wickets in hand. The game today was delayed by overnight rain.

Jamaican-born Malcolm said he

had learned a lot from Holding as team-mates with English county Derbyshire.

"He took me to one side in the nets one day last season and said that if I wanted to play the game properly then I couldn't just concentrate on bowling quickly," said Malcolm. "I had to study every aspect of the game."

Malcolm heeded Holding's advice and in the opening Test has bowled much fewer wayward deliveries than normal.

Said Holding: "Devon has always been able to bowl some very good deliveries but has sent down too many bad ones in the past. That was not the case yesterday and he was so much more effective."

"He's also a lot fitter. There was no way he would have been able to bowl 20 overs in a day for Derbyshire last season. But he was still coming in flat out after tea yesterday."

England team manager Mickey Stewart pinpointed the team's exceptionally thorough preparation for the tour as a prime reason for their unexpected dominance of the first three

days.

Said Stewart: "We worked out how to bowl at each of their batsmen as well as working on the best way to bat against them."

Manager Clive Lloyd told his West Indies players yesterday that they'd better shape up or face imminent defeat by England in the current cricket series.

"We're supposed to be the best team in the world so we have to play like the best team in the world," Lloyd said.

"It's happened before and, if we play like this, it will happen again," Lloyd, the former team captain, said of the prospect of the team's defeat.

Lloyd hailed England for "a very professional effort."

# Iraq hold Kuwait 1-1

Home team scores both goals



An Iraqi defender clears the ball.



An action shot of the match.

FAVOURITES Kuwait and Iraq played to an exciting 1-1 draw in their Arab Gulf Cup match at the Peace and Friendship stadium yesterday.

Kuwait took the lead in the 3rd minute of the second half when Wael Sulaiman headed the ball into the goal off a high pass from Muayyad Al Haddad.

Iraq got the equaliser 21 minutes later through an own goal by Kuwaiti left-back Adel Khlaifi, who attempted to clear a dangerous ball but only managed to deflect it into his own net.

Laith Hussain, the Iraqi midfielder who was at his best in yesterday's match, made a long run into the Kuwaiti half and from the tip of the box drove in a scorching shot. Al Khlaifi and goalkeeper Sameer Saeed both went for the ball but the ball bounced off the former's boot before the latter could reach it.

The two teams played the best match of the tournament so far. They thrilled the capacity crowd of over 25,000 including about 10,000 Iraqis. Kuwait clearly had the upper hand in the first half and continuously threatened the Iraqi goal.

Mohammad Ibrahim's powerful header missed the goal by few inches only in the 11th minute of the first half. Wael Sulaiman drove a powerful long range shot which just missed the right post. Defender Basel Abdulnabi got the best chance of the first half, few minutes before the end. Ubaid Shemmar sent an accurate pass from the corner and Basel met it with a powerful header. The goalkeeper had to extend his hand to collect the ball in the last moment exactly on the goal line.

Iraqis organised themselves well only after realizing that they were in danger of defeat. Laith Hussain, undoubtedly the best player on the field, engineered most of Iraq's dangerous moves. Supported by the skilful Habib Jaafer from the other side, the Iraqis opened up and made several attempts to get the equalizer. It came in the 22nd minute.

The Iraqis nearly got the winner on two occasions, both from Habib Jaafer who played as a right winger in the second half. On the first chance, Jaafer got a neat pass few metres away from the open goal but he shot high. On the second, Sameer Saeed made a marvellous save after Jaafer got an easy ball and confidently shot towards the empty goal. Sameer Saeed quickly extended himself and managed to keep the ball out of the goal with the tips of his fingers. Nevertheless, Muayyad Al Haddad could have put the match beyond Iraq's reach had he capitalised on an easy scoring opportunity even before the Iraqis scored the equalizer. He got a long ball and was face to face with the goalkeeper. He hesitated a little allowing an Iraqi defender to reach him and shot high.

Kuwait have collected 4 points from 3 matches after beating Bahrain 1-0 and drawing with Oman and Iraq with same result 1-1. Iraq, who played one match less, have collected 3 points.



Sameer Saeed (right) collects the ball high in the air. (Photos by Ahmed Burini and Munzer)



Laith moves towards Kuwait goal.



Both sides fight for the ball.

## Knicks rout Mavericks

NEW YORK, Feb 28. (AP): Patrick Ewing scored 21 points and Trent Tucker had nine straight for New York during a 30-7 second-half surge that carried the Knicks to a 110-87 rout of the Dallas Mavericks last night.

The Knicks led only 68-64 with 2:31 left in the third quarter after the Mavericks trailed by as many as 11 points earlier in the period.

New York, 23-3 at home this season, then scored 10 consecutive points for a 74-64 lead a minute into the fourth quarter.

Gerald Wilkins scored 19 points and Charles Oakley had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks.

Pistons 106, Rockets 102.

Bill Laimbeer sank four free throws in the last 14 seconds of overtime and Isiah Thomas scored a season-high 37 points for Detroit, which won for the 15th time in 16 games to better its mark.

Thomas scored eight of Detroit's 12 points in the overtime, and had 11 in the fourth quarter when the Pistons erased a 13-point Houston lead.

Results:

New York	110	Dallas	87
Orlando	115	Charlotte	109
Indiana	118	New Jersey	113
Detroit	106	Houston	102
Minnesota	104	Washington	88
Chicago	106	Milwaukee	101
Phoenix	120	Denver	101
Portland	118	Cleveland	105
L.A. Clippers	103	Seattle	99

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Pakistan trophy

PAKISTAN Central Aid Committee's sports wing will organise a Pakistan Resolution Trophy cricket tournament on the Golden Jubilee of the event at the Nadi Al Nasser, Haskawi. For further details contact Haj Javed Iqbal, Tel. 464483 or Nawazish Ali, Tel. 3719624.

### Wicketkeeper dies

LONDON, Feb 28. (Reuter): Les Ames, one of England's greatest wicketkeeper-batsmen, has died, aged 84. Ames played 47 times for his country and was first-choice wicketkeeper between 1931 and 1938.

### Egyptians draw

CAIRO, Feb 28. (Reuter): Egypt and Austria drew 0-0 in an international soccer friendly Monday as part of their preparations for the World Cup finals in Italy.

### Convention ratified

STRASBOURG, France, Feb 28. (AP): The world's first legally binding international convention to curb doping in sport will go into effect tomorrow in five European countries, the Council of Europe said yesterday.

### Porto crash

LISBON, Feb 28. (Reuter): League leaders Porto crashed out of the Portuguese Cup yesterday after a surprise 3-0 home fifth round defeat by lowly Tirsense.

### Soccer fans

MILAN, Feb 28. (AP): Milan's police chief yesterday said that 55 troublemaking soccer fans would be banned from Italian stadiums for at least four months. The move was part of a crackdown on soccer-related violence prior to the World Cup.

### BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Nahil Akel & Lollo Murchwaite 2. Rabah Abboushi & Nadia Arabi 3. Greta Chachoura & Eliane Kerasi

RESULTS of Sheraton bridge game held on Tuesday:

1. Gajar & Banayot 2. Nahil Akel & Lollo Murchwaite 3. Heneidi & Tyab

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1. Chebi & Boukharis

2. Sherin & Izeldin

3. Capt. Nash & Fazal

A team of 4 tournament will be held on March 9 at 3:00 pm. Cups and prizes will be awarded.

## Unity A capture Jinnah Trophy

UNITY 'A' won the inaugural Jinnah 7-a-side one-day hockey tournament held on Sunday as part of the National Day celebrations.

The tournament attracted 11 teams and was played on a league-cum-knock-out basis.

The surprise team in the semifinal line up was Unity 'B', who just managed to scrape past Cosmos 'B' by virtue of their one-point win. But in the semifinals they were thrashed 6-1 by their seniors, Arif Jr (4), Amjad and Moem scored for Unity 'A' whilst George reduced the margin for Unity 'B'.

In the other semifinals, Al Hilal were all out for revenge as they had earlier lost to Cosmos 'A' in the



Unity captain Lopez (left) receives the trophy.

## Roberts replaces Hadlee

WELLINGTON, Feb 28. (Reuter): Canterbury pace bowler Stu Roberts has replaced injured Richard Hadlee in New Zealand's one-day cricket team to play India at Dunedin on Thursday.

Hadlee, who became the first bowler to take 400 Test wickets during New Zealand's 1-0 Test series win over India this month, was advised to withdraw from the team to rest a strained hamstring.

Hadlee said yesterday he would probably be fit for New Zealand's next match in the triangular one-day series against Australia at Christchurch on Sunday.

Roberts was not the first choice replacement for Hadlee, New Zealand Cricket Council executive director Graham Dowling said. Jonathan Millnow of Wellington and Richard Petrie of Canterbury were also unavailable through injury.

Roberts was a prolific wicket taker in New Zealand's domestic Shell Trophy competition, taking 39 wickets for an average of 23.38 runs.

Hadlee and out-of-form opening batsman Trevor Franklin are the only members of New Zealand's Test squad to miss the first one-day international.

The squad (from 12) is: John Wright (captain), John Bracewell, Martin Crowe, Mark Greatbatch, Andrew Jones, Gavin Larsen, Danny Morrison, Stu Roberts, Ken Rutherford, Ian Smith, Martin Snedden and Shane Thomson. India has yet to announce its squad.

## Pakistan beat Britain for Speedbird Trophy



Raees (centre) receives the winner's trophy.



Both the teams before the start of the game.

## Dubai rally starts today

## Khalifa tipped to take Gulf's toughest event

DUBAI: The Masafi 4WD Rally Challenge, regarded as the toughest motorsport event in the Gulf, roars into life this afternoon with reigning champion Suhail Khalifa facing a difficult defence of his title against 25 challengers.

Covering a total distance of 1,227 km, the 24-hour rally will take the competitors over some of Dubai's most difficult desert terrain and is as uncompromising as ever.

### Allows

Driving a Land Rover, 1988 and 1989 champion Khalifa will set off first. He will be closely followed by former champions Mohammed Swaidan in a Range Rover, Mohammed Omar in a Mitsubishi Pajero, and an army of other desert driving specialists.

Sponsored by the Masafi Mineral Water Company, the punishing event allows little time for rest. After battling through the chill of the night, the survivors are gradually faced with the morning heat, so the fitness of the crews will be just as important as the reliability of the vehicles.

There is no doubt the dif-

ference of the Masafi Rally," said Clerk of the Course Terry Plant.

"It takes a certain breed of competitor to enter and to actually finish the rally is creditable enough."

Because local knowledge will play a great part in the rally, no one is looking further than Khalifa for a possible winner.

Despite the presence of competitors from the UAE, Lebanon, Germany and even Finland, he is many people's choice to clinch a third Masafi victory and take permanent possession of the coveted trophy.

### Competing

"I think everyone expects Suhail to win again," said veteran UAE campaigner Bob Nicholson, who will be competing in his ninth Masafi Rally as a driver.

"He is a superb desert driver and knows the land better than anyone. Despite the fact that we'll all be going flat out to beat him, I'm sure none of the other drivers will be upset if he wins again. He is a very popular figure in Middle East motorsport and is a perfect ambassador for rallying."

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